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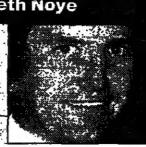
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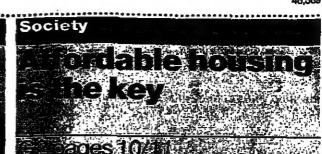
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Climax to the Turville affair

Village voices Paxman and the rest

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_atest score in the **England** game tonight: 14,000 - free

HE best seat at Wembley tonight costs £75, A tout will (illegally) sell you one for £400. But there will be 14,000 people there who have paid pre-cisely nothing for their ticket. Some have probably never been to a football match in their life.

Euro 96 has been one of the biggest corporate hospi tality events seen in Eng-land, according to the inaround £8 million over the past two weeks, with favours being garnered and tucked away for future use from customers, suppliers, journalists and senior

"If you go down the list of blue chip companies you? find all of them are clients," said Michael Norris, chief executive of Sports cial suppliers of hospitality packages. They have sold all their 3,500 packages at between £299 and £359 for the England-Germany semi-final

Richard Joyce, international sales manager of Time magazine, which has bought blocks of tickets for hospitality use, has seen three England matches. "I took a customer to the Scotland game and he took me to England v Spain." he said. When we went the last time, the first person I saw was the media buyer from Lowe Howard Spink, the second was from TMD. I did feel a tinge of guilt at how many suits there were at

the Holland game."
Leading the big hitters are British Telecom, Scottish Power, Barclays, Prudential and Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks.

The 14,000 total adds up like this: 3,500 tickets given to sponsors; 7,000-plus packages sold through official corporate outlets; 2,000 for foreign football associations and 200 for Uefa, the European football authority. The media also get 1,480 free, although they claim to be working. Senior executives of down, but eventually



onsors of the event, may be enjoying themselves at Wembley, but their workers spent yesterday negoti-ating with management to allow them to start their shifts late so they could watch the game. Their initial offer to work the extra time next week was turned

ranged for a radio comm tary to be pumped to the production line. Rumours that the commentary would be in German proved unfounded.

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pecially welcome

Go and listen to Harriet

□ Volunteer to help the Sa | out reference to her Euro 96 maritans German speakers es | wallchart, at Loudon's Ralcyon Hotel

Watch a video. Blockbuster

Harman's speech during the Commons debate on NHS bureaucracy

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Helvin's party, scheduled with-

Battle for the soul ofschools

John Carvel Education Editor

be Governmen yesterday placed education at the heart of the forthcoming general election camcouraging all secondary schools to select more pupils by ability — an ideological bridge which Tony Blair's reformist Labour Party re-

fuses to cross.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, emphasised that ministers were not trying to restore a rigid separation of children at 11 into gramma schools and secondary mo-derns, which were widely discredited in the 1960s.

Comprehensive school governors would be obliged to decide every year how far to move towards selection of pupils by ability or aptitude, but the Government would not local community did not de-

over Harriet Harman's choice of a grammar school for her son, Mrs Shephard said the evidence of parental demand could be found on the Labour front bench.

Her white paper fell short dream." of the dream set out by the Prime Minister last year of "a grammar school in every town". It included no proce dures for forcing parental ballots to encourage the admis-sion of more able pupils, and there was no offer of extra-funding to build selective hensive monopoly under local authority control.

authority control.

Although legislation may be introduced in the next parliamentary session and could be passed before a late general election, proposals to allow grant-maintained schools to pick up to 50 per cent of their pupils by ability could not be implemented before September 1988. fore September 1998.

fore September 1998.

Mrs Shephard could not give any indication of a time-table for achieving the establishment of more full-blown

grammar schools.

The package was aimed ac achieving grammar school streams in comprehensives rather than a return is out right selection.

David Blunkett, the shadow

in their present form. They will be invaded by other plant, species migrating northwards, and lose some of the species that made them special in the

first place.
About 50 of the 506 cur-

rently endangered plant species are expected to die out with only a 1 degree centi-grade increase in tempera-

ture unless special provision is made for them. Sea level

rises of 20 to 30 centimetres will affect mudilats and salt marshes, which in turn will damage bird populations. The

scientists suggest that sea defences may have to be dis-

mantled in some places to

allow these marshes to mi-

White paper

Silver prammar schools

noils must give more insy to schools v for grant maintained dis to open nurseries

education secretary, said it would have cost at least £2 billion to achieve Mr Major's dream at the expense of an inferior education for 19 out of every 20 children.

"The alternative is that this is a white mouse of a white paper," he said. It might allow schools to select more punils, but there was no evi-dence they would do so. Only he said. It might Twisting the knife on 41 of the 1,100 grant-main-Labour's embarrassment tained schools had made use of their existing power to

elect up to 10 per cent. "If that is the case, John Major will be very angry in-deed. Mrs Shephard ... will be blamed for destroying his

ture last night to conclude that she has fought a successtal rearguard action against Mr Major's drive to find a distinctive rightwing education policy. Extra ingredients may yet be put in the Conservative

election manifesto Mrs Shephard said the Gov



develop distinctive strengths. Temporary incentives for guage colleges would become permanent and new specialisms would be introduced, in-

cluding sports and the art ther curtailed, with the proportion of budgets delegates to school governors increased from 85 to 95 per cent. Margaret Tulloch,

Campaign for State Educa-tion, said the proposals "only make sense if seen as party political, intended ... merely to embarrass Tony Blair and Harriet Harman. Our children deserve better.

The teacher unions said the package was irrelevant to children's educational needs. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "Creaming off the most able pupils will lead to a rising under-

eroment wanted all schools to Leader comment, page 8

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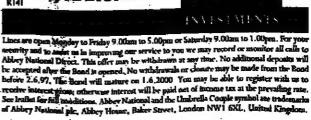
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How to rescue rare species: send them north

Paul Brown Environmen ent Correspondent

ARE plants and some tree species will have to be dug up and be dug up and moved hundreds of miles north if they are to survive the cli-mate change which is raising the temperature in Britain, a government report to be pub-lished next week reveals. Some animals and birds.

like mountain hares and ptarmigan, are expected to become extinct altogether. But insects, particularly aphids, butterflies and wasps will thrive in larger numbers. Many butterflies and moths which only occur in southern

Inside



counties and are at the northern limit of their range are

expected to migrate north. House pests like cockroaches, fleas and mites will increase.

Species at risk . . . the mountain hare and the ptarmigan The northward migration of species to compensate for

World News

the temperature rise has already begun and is expected to be as much as 30 to 50 miles

By 2050 temperatures are expected to have increased by 1.5 degrees centigrade, which means sensitive plant species will have to move 150 to 250 miles north to find the same conditions in which they thrive now. Mountain-grow-40 to 55 metres a decade to reach the same conditions.

The mountain hare and ptarmigan will die out be-cause they rely on turning white in winter and surviving in the snow where other animals cannot. In future this

a decade, according to the report, to be published by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary. next lar problem for Britain's rarer plants and animals, which occupy small environ-mental niches, and many of which are currently protected by having their homes de-clared sites of special scien-tific interest (SSSIs).

The changes are occurring too fast for them to adapt in the evolutionary sense, and there are no suitable landscapes for them to migrate across. The report says the solution is to create a suitable habitat a few hundred miles north and move them.

The report says that many of the SSSIs cannot be saved

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grate inland.

Finance which is about to be privatised, is being investigated over utanium fuel problems at its atomic reactors.

boardroom bore



Simon Hoggart

R MAJOR isn't really a political leader at all; he's a chief executive officer. In the new global economy this may be no bad thing. We don't want inspiration; we need packages of tax incentives to lure Korean micro-

wave makers to Wales.
If politicians were cars, Attlee would have been a Morris Minor, Thatcher a Daimler, and Major would be the office

Prime Minister's Questions began with a plea from Mr Charles Hendry (C. High Peak) to "congratulate the England football team on their magnificent victory on Saturday." He demanded every success in the match

"Willingly," the chief exec-utive replied. Euro 96 had been a "striking success" with a "carnival atmosphere' He was congratulating us on the smooth running of the staff

sports day. Mr Biair asked him about the sell-off of army married quarters. He replied fairly courteously, and at length (mainly because he was really addressing the doubters on his

He is happy at such times. expounding a familiar brief at the board meeting. If there was any passion, it could be seen in his left hand, which he wields as a running commentary on his own remarks. Sometimes it waves up and down, sometimes it makes chopping movements, often it just flaps nervously. Now and again his forefinger thinks it's a pair of scissors and he slices through an argument in

David Evans (C. Welwyn), the loudmouth who imagines he is a much-loved national character (but isn't), asked in a voice which would drown Concorde landing: "Worrit a Conserrrr-vative gummint that le' inflation rip at 26.9 per

First night

"No!" yelled the sillier Tories. Then, 'ad the Con-serrr-vatives allahed the higher ray of tax to gerrup to 98 pence in the pahnd? Mr Evans ploughed wear isomely on through more predictable questions, until at the top of his voice he bellowed "OR!" and the Speaker, sounding as if burdened by some great and lasting sadness, rose to say that it was no wonder she received so many complaints that the price of the same of th

about Prime Minister's Ques-tions in her morning mailbag So the ghastly Mr Evans ended quickly: "OR, warritt-that-lot-over-there?" and Mr Major rose to sarcastic cries of

Paddy Ashdown spoke up for Cherie Blair, the victim of an alleged Tory smear campaign. ("Defend your own wife!" one ungallant Tory called out.)

This is a tricky one. No one should investigate a woman because she is a politician's wife, but if she herself is politi cally active, she must expect at least some flak. This is not the same as rootling through her dustbin for used knickers, and no doubt the Tories hope to deplat here. to depict her as a hen-pecking harpy, but the line is a fine one and not easy to draw.

The chief executive seemed rattled. He spoke in circles: There is no such campaign, nor will there be any such campaign, and I speak with some experience, and there will be no such campaign and there is no such campaign and you should know that!" A Scottish Labour MP said, improbably, that he would support England tonight, but

isked Mr Major to condemn

the tabloid xenophobia. Mr Major wanted to rally us around the England team. In the back of his mind he may even see it as part of his job. But he just can't do it. He's a business administrator, not a cheerleader. "I hope they play well, and have a satisfactory result," he said. This rousing battle cry took a few moments to sink in, then was met by

Tory dismay and Labour jeer It called to mind Henry V: Once more unto the breach dear friends, once more/In the hope of achieving a satisfactory result!"

Or Winston Spencer Major: And if the British Empire last for a thousand years, me will still say: 'This was a satis-factory result'."

In the style of the Tory 'questions for cash'

EADING British businesses are being offered the chance to put their views on key economic policies directly to John Major's

cies directly to John Major's Downing Street policy unit as part of a fund-raising drive organised by officials at Conservative Central Office.

The direct link — often denied — between policy formation. Downing Street and Tory efforts to raise money to fight the coming general elec-Tory efforts to raise money to fight the coming general election emerged last night in a letter from the party vice-chairman, Sir Graham Bright. It was leaked to Labour MP Richard Caborn Graham, a self-made busi-

by a dismayed firm. Last night, the MP wrote to Sir Gordon Downey, parliamentary commissioner for standards, referring the letter to him for his plants. "It would seem there is a conflict between payments to a political party and influenc-

ng government policy." Mr Caborn suggested.

Marked Private and Confi dential, the Bright letter was sent to a number of leading companies with an initial deadline of May 30 for its return, later extended to last

ate secretary. Most of the subsequent questions are the kind all parties ask when doing market research about policy. The letter sought opinions about tax ("would the abolition of capital gains tax help you?"). the European single cur-rency, and interest rates: "Do

you agree that low taxation and low public expenditure are an important goal over the next 20 years or so?"

Mr Caborn, MP for Sheffield Central and shadow competition minister, said he competition minister, said he was particularly angered by an explicit appeal for cash in the letter after it first asked: "Are you happy for this viewpoint to be passed on to the

nessman who was once Mr | Number 10 policy unit (the Major's parliamentary pri-It then asked: "Does your company contribute to the Conservative party?" before adding. "Would you consider making a contribution?"

towards party funds or the purchase of what are de-scribed as "research papers supplied to MPs" — a refer-ence to the output of party headquarters' own research department.
Traditionally, Tory fund-raisers have stressed the so-called "Chinese walls" which

separate the receipt of dona-tions from any influence on policy - despite persistent claims to the contrary and the party's refusal to divulge the names of donors.

said last night: "This letter looks like a matter of trading in special influence. It is say ing 'I'll give you a voice in government if you give my party the money to get re-

Conservative MPs make a similar charge against Labour for its union ties far more transparent — as they did again at question time yesterday.

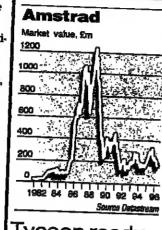
Earlier, Tony Blair had highlighted what he called the activities of the £10 million Tory lie machine" - a reference to the amount of cash the rival party is alleg-edly going to use in its election campaigning. In contrast to Conservative

One senior Labour official f450 better off next year, the million.

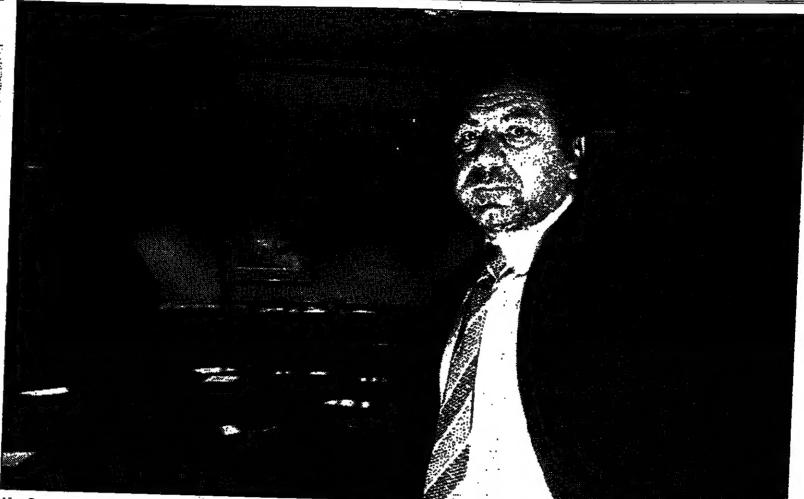
typical family had paul an Tories won the last election, Mr Blair said

Though Mr Blair's political prospects have generated serious financial support for Labour at all levels — all do-nations over £5.000 are said to be declared — neither Labour nor the Liberal Democrats has anything like the sort of money which the Conservative Party chairman, Dr Brian Mawhinney, may com-

mand. As the election looms and medium-size donations of £15,000-20.000 roll in from companies. Dr Mawhinney has managed to clear the par-ty's overdraft and build a war chest that could reach £20



Tycoon ready to end 28 years at head of company he formed when he was 20 and which was valued at £1.2bn before recession



Alan Sugar . . . from barrow boy to multi-millionaire and owner of Tottenham Hotspur football club

Sir Les's humour from down under

Robert Yates

Sir Les Patterson

ARRY Humphries' second best-known cre-ation has the kind of looks you wouldn't wish on a gargoyle. Sir Les, Australia's most outspoken diplomat, wears a mass of brown, broken teeth, so outsize they chew into his chin; his face is a drunk's patchwork of varying shades of scarlet, while his hair is teased into a bleached bouffant, so absurd Peter Stringfellow might reject it. In short, as Les admits, he's something of a rival to David

As with Sir Les's social superior, Dame Edna, the act begins with all the right externals. In this case, since Sir Les is, in his parlance, a master of manly manoeuvres", the most conspicuous prop sits inside his trousers. Grotesque it might sound, but Humphries performs the whole evening with something in his slacks that reaches down to his knee, a visual prop that provokes a vast proportion of the jokes; the rest revolve around "the

grog".
The point is that Sir Les is the champion of Australian values. And to this end, he does his glorious best to expand the boundaries of the crude. It is a measure of his achievement that at least 75 per cent of the mate rial cannot be relayed even to

readers as liberal and broad-minded as the Guardian's. And yet, all the incessant sex talk never cloys because of the style with which he man-ages to push the tone ever

lower. It's like watching a lim bo dancer descending ever fur-ther. What's more, the bad taste comes with such comic timing and verbal invention that you're too busy admiring

the wit to find time to tut-tut. Often, his flourishes - precise in gynaecological detail are met initially with a stunned silence, a communal "he can't really mean that can he?" followed by shifty laughter, as if we're embarrassed to admit that yes, we do know

what he means. Essentially, the show reprises old tricks: It is lent some narrative structure by the conceit that Sir Les has decided to give up the drink and as a result is even more of a role-model ambassador, there to comfort Princess DI

"I thought bulimia was Malibu spelt backwards") and have moral discussions with the Pope ("the world's number one non-player"). The deci-sion to go testotal came about when he decided he no longer fancied looking like a "born-again Ollie Reed, with the breath of Borls Yeltsin."

It's a nice conceit, although the structure soon gives way to the rambling narrative of the bar-room raconteur, feign-ing outrage when we laugh at his piquant doubles en-tendres. "Don't look for hidden agendas in what I'm saying," he admonishes. There's no need.

The glory of Sir Les is that it is all on the surface, Humphries recognising that some-thing so grotesque has to be a thing of beauty. Or perhaps it's just those Australian values. The punchline, of course, is that there aren't any.

Sugar stands to make £80m from Amstrad sale and his personal fortune. Mr terested in the business. He sugar was worth almost has deal-making skills which has reduced its reliance upon division is all that is left of radios. Second million in 1988. He is Psion would be foolish to consumer electronics through the acquisition of Vision and Amstrad — an acronym of the second matrix of the

took hold

LAN Sugar, the tycoon who brought computers and satellite receivers into millions of British homes, is close to selling his Amstrad master company for 230 million.

The one-time barrow boy who now runs Tottenham Hotspur football club, announced yesterday that he was in talks with Psion, best known for its pocketable com-

outer-cum-diary Mr Sugar owns 34 per cent of the shares in Amstrad; the deal would net him nearly £80 million in shares. It would also close a chapter of his life in which he turned a com-pany worth 53 million in 1980 into one valued at £1.2 billion eight years later.

Since then, the recession has been mainly to blame for whittling away the company

Sources close to him yester-day denied that he wanted to spend all his time at Spurs, which has jumped in value from £12 million to £99 mil-

lion under his management. Nor would the deal terminate his involvement with the electronics business. His Psion shares will make him one of the biggest shareholders in a group founded by David and Elaine Potter in

The Potters have made a \$80 million fortune but, at joint 254th place, they lie 150 places below Mr Sugar in the Sunday Times list of Britain's

richest people.
An associate of Mr Sugar said: "Alan has had money for a long time and loves making deals. He is a product vi-sionary who will remain in-

Mr Sugar is not a committee man and has been scathing about City attitudes to business, so he will not be joining the Psion board, if the deal goes through Mr Potter would remain chairman and chief executive of the en-

larged company.

The next frontier for both companies is the production of a new generation of pocke table computers which will combine wireless fax, e-mail and internet connections with notepad and personal orga-niser facilities.

Nokia, a Finnish telecom equipment maker, plans to launch such a device in August with a price tag of more than £1,000.

Mr Sugar sees the Psion deal as a way of injecting technologically skilled manbusiness computer firm, and Dancal, a mobile phone company, whose technology

Psion sees as its main prize.
Psion would be likely to negotiate a sale of Amstrad's oss-making consumer elec-

tronics business, which is best-known for low-priced video cassette recorders, com-

Alan Michael Sugar Trading - which Mr Sugar floated on the stock market in 1980. The second son of a tailor, Mr Sugar first made money while at school by delivering

papers. He went to work in the statistics department of

He formed Amstrad when he was 20 and made a fortune by spotting new electronics products with the potential to become mass-market items. The company doubled in size annually during the 1980s by making products in the Far East and marketing them aggressively in the UK.

Models that started new fashion for computers



Bruton warns of new IRA violence after bomb find

David Sharrock

THE IRA has developed a new type of bomb which was being assembled when police raided a weapons "facassembled when tory" last week, the Irish prime minister. John Bruton, said yesterday. want to believe that the IRA

He said that the Irish police had reported that dozens of may soon call a new ceasefire.

the new bombs were in production at the remote farm in County Laois for early use. Police yesterday put on dis-play part of the haul, includ-ing mortar tubes, mortar bombs primed with explosives, a new type of timer, chemicals and Semtex. Mr Bruton's claim is an other blow for those who

MSTRAD began busi-as a maker of cheap stereo equipment with the launch which made plastic hi-fi turntable covers at low prices using an injection moulding process which undercut competitors. The following year it

began to make amplifiers and tuners and then early twin-deck cassette recorders.
Some of the company's

more famous computer CPC 464

away from its background it came with software and a

equipment with the launch of its first computer games machine. Pitched against the Commodore 64 it was immediately successful as it was sold complete with a monitor, tape deck and suite of games.

In the same year, the group launched its first word processor with TV ads showing typewriters falling out of office windows into a skip. At less than the cost In 1984, Amstrad broke of an electronic typewriter.

printer and sold 800,000 units in its first year. PC1512

In 1986 Amstrad undercut the IBM-compatible personal computer with a product sold for £399 complete with monitor and software — a quarter of the price of market leading brands.

Satellite

In 1988 Sugar did a deal with Rupert Murdoch to design and supply equipment to receive the first Sky TV broadcasts in February



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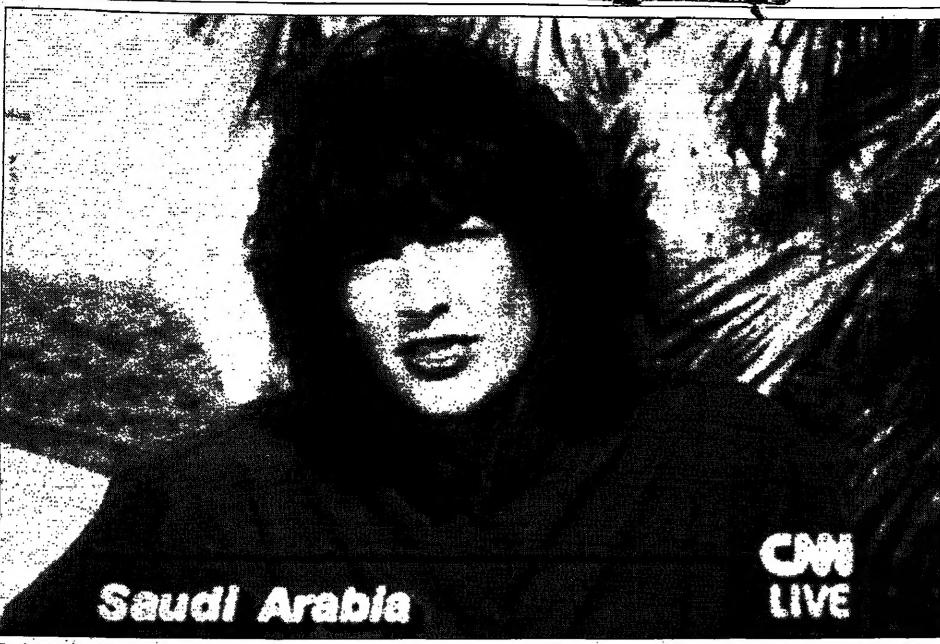
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Frontline reporter makes news with \$2m deal

ndrew Culf

HRISTIANE Amanpour, American tele-vision's answer to Kate Adie, became the world's highest paid foreign correspondent yesterday, after an unprecedented bidding war between the United States networks.

Queen of Bosnia for her coverage of the conflict in former Yugoslavia, has signed a con-tract estimated to be worth nearly \$2 million (213 mil-

don and educated at a convent school in Essex, was courted by the four big American net-works — and signed deals tion, because I have been with with two of them.

She will continue to work for CNN, Ted Turner's 24-hour global news network, as international

But she will also be seen on 60 Minutes, the flagship CBS News programme, contribut-ing five special reports a year.

Martin Bell, the BBC's veteran foreign correspondent whose salary is estimated to be less than a tenth of Ms Amanpour's, said: "I always called her the million-dollar woman, and CBS is lucky to

costs."
Mr Bell, who was injured. by sniper fire in Bosnia four years ago, has worked along-side Ms Amanpour for much of the conflict

"She is the best field repor-ter in American TV news," he said. "She has spent much of the last four years in Bosnia and was very lucky not to have become a casualty. Un-usually for an American TV reporter, she accompanied the camers crew everywhere they went."
Ms Amanpour, who joined

prominence during the dra-matic changes in central Europe during 1989-90, and through her coverage of the Gulf war from the Iraqi inva-sion of Kuwaii to the post-ceasefire Kurdish refugee

Her reputation was sealed in the Balkans when she accused President Bill Clinfon during a live link-up of
"flip-flopping" over Bosnia.

Ms Amanpour said of the new deal: "I am very flattered that there is so much interest and I was fortunate to have some wonderful choices. But this is the closest to a journal-

"It would be very difficult for me to leave CNN when it CNN since almost from the beginning . This lets me have my cake and est it too."

It is rumoured that she is being paid at least \$1 million (£650,000) by CNN — four times the norm for senior foreign correspondents. Some estimates put the figure nearer \$1.5 million. CBS is said to be chipping

in a further \$500,000. The deal allows Ms Aman pour to remain loyal to CNN while increasing her profile in the US, where her work is not as closely followed as it is

Andrew Heyward, the president of CBS News, even flew to her home base in Paris to secure a deal before her contract expired at the weekend. He said: "This is a win-winwin, for Christiane, for CNN and for CBS."

However, Ms Amampour's decision is a blow for the two other networks. Roone Arledge of ABC News was said to have offered her a job on the network's prestigious Nightline, while Andrew Lack of NBC had also been in the race.

Pay-as-you-view: what the media stars earn



89 million (£6 million)

Highest-paid American anchor. The veteran ABC's high-rating 20/20 show. Known as "our national interviewer and "the snoop laureate" in the US press, she was the first to break the \$4 million barrier.

CNN will be particularly buoyed up by NBC's failure, because NBC, in alliance with

Microsoft, is due to launch a



\$5 million (£3.5 million)

Succeeded Walter Cronkite as host of the CBS evening news which has fallen behind ABC and NBC bulletins in the ratings. The 64year-old was in the headlines last year when his co-anchor Connie their

Chung was dropped after on-screen chemistry was judged too volatile.

He added: "Ideally we sive contract, but this is quite new and innovative.

rival 24-bour cable news net-work — MSNBC — next Ms Amanpour, who has filed from some of the world's most dangerous trouble-spots Tom Johnson, the president of CNN, said: "Christiane including Afghanistan, Alge-ria, Rwanda and Somalia, Amanyour is the finest inter-national correspondent of her generation. I am delighted would not mean an end to her work on the frontline. she is remaining with CNN in

"I am by no means coming in from the cold," she an expanded and extraordinarily challenging role."



£80,000-£100,000

Veteran BBC war

reporter has covered

Vietnam, Beirut and the

Gulf. Honoured two years

ago by the Royal Television Society for

coverage of 11 wars and

reports from 80 countries

in 30 years. Aged 57, and easily recognisable with

his trademark lucky

white suit. Has pledged

not to return to Bosnia.

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The BBC's chief news correspondent and best known female reporter. She was awarded the OBE in 1992. Aged 50, she covered the Iranian embassy siege, the Tiananmen Square massacre, the bombing of Tripoli and the Gulf war, and has filed regular dispatches from

Israelis to restart talks with Arafat

hyam Bhatia in Jerusalem

SRAEL's foreign minis government to meet Palestin-ian President Yasser Arafat, after the new administration announced yesterday that it would resume autonomy ne-gotiations with the Palestin-ian leadership.

Israeli government officials said the meeting would take place within a few days.

The decision to "expand" relations, announced during a visit to Jerusalem by Warren Christopher, gives the US secretary of state one bit of good news to deliver to Mr Arafat and Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo today. But Mr Netanyahu's under taking is minimal: the Israeli government has declared it will take a tougher line in the negotiations, and the Israeli leader is refraining at present

from meeting Mr Arafat. Mr Netanyahu's advisers have also drawn up a list of what they describe as "Pales-tinian violations" of the Oslo Accord which set up the framework for the Middle East peace process.

tiations with the Palestinian Authority, but the Palestinian Authority, but the advancement towards peace is contingent on security," Mr Netanyahu said. "We are eager to resume negotiatins with all our neighbours, with the government of Syria, the government of Lebanon and with other Arab states, without other Arab states, without prior conditions."

Saeb Erekat, the Palestinian minister of municipal affairs, expressed disappoint-ment that Mr Christopher had failed to push Israeli leaders further: "If he wants peace, Netanyahu must respect the choice of the Palestinians and make a telephone call to Mr Arafat."

ter. David Levy, will be the first representative of Binyamir Netanyahu's Binyamir Netanyahu's the peace process would the peace process would resume in earnest only when Mr.Netanyahu met Mr. Arafat. "We are giving the Israelis

one or two weeks to start talks," he said, "If there is no such development, then we can say there is a crisis."

Mr Christopher said yester-day he expected a Netanyahu government to honour inter-national agreements signed by the previous Labour administration. He was referring to Israel's military pull-back — now overdue — from the West Bank city of Hebron. The Americans and the Pal-estinians fear Mr Netanyahu

has no intention of handing over Hebron, home to 150,000 Palestinians and 450 Jews. Mr Netanyahu said yester-day: "We are studying the question of Hebron in all its complexity — historical com-plexity, religious complexity and security complexity of the highest order.

"We adhere to the principle of honouring agreements by all the parties. We are also aware progress towards peace depends on the security issue. Therefore on Hebron we have to move forward cautiously great responsibility and without haste.

Ahmed Korei, speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council, insisted: "Israel must start by implementing agreements already signed...
These issues require a meeting at the highest level — between President Arafat and the Israeli prime minister."

Idea of 'no jury' fraud trials frightening, says Maxwell

Dan Atkinson

KEVIN Maxwell yesterday attacked the Serious Fraud Office director, George taple, for suggesting that not guilty verdicts returned in cases of alleged financial crime represented a failure of the jury system.

"I find it offensive," said remarks. Mr Maxwell, who was cleared after a 131-day trial during which Se spent three weeks in the witness box.

Responding to Mr Staple's cell for a rethink on use of price in fraud trials, Mr Maxwell said he found the idea frightening. The "expert as-sessors" who may replace jurors would be drawn from the "small world" of City lawyers, accountants and others. They would be reluctant to take a defendant's word if it contradicted a fellow professional's evidence. The only

safe place for a defendant was

in front of a British jury;
Mr Maxwell, who is fight. ing moves to stage a "double jeopardy" second trial on charges relating to the business empire of his late father, Robert, was expanding on comments made in an article in today's Guardian, written in response to Mr Staple's

The outgoing SFO chief. speaking on Monday at the London School of Economics, on the role of the jurors. Hith-erto, the director has, since his appointment in 1992, supported the right of fraud de fendants to seek jury trials. Mr Maxwell and his brother Ian were cleared on January 19 of conspiracy to defraud pension funds, as was Larry Trachtenberg.

Kevin Maxwell, page 9; City Notebook, page 11

Tory MPs gang up on Portillo

Demand for vote on £2bn sale of married quarters

Michael White and David Fairhall

OHN Major yesterday vigorously defended plans by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, to sell off armed forces' married quarters, in the face of objec-tions from 65 Tory backbenchers who have demanded that MPs be allowed a vote on

Mr Major insisted in the Commons that much of the opposition to the sale of 58,000 houses was based on "misun-derstandings." He denied derstandings. He would rise MoD from property compa-will and stressed that money by Mr Por claims that rents would rise MoD from property compa-will and stressed that money by Mr Por sharply. The sell-off will raise nies hoping to buy the 800 raised would also be used to David Hart.

But last night dissident MPs warned that they had not been satisfied by Mr Major's assurances. David Evans, Tory MP for Welwyn/Hat-field, a principal signatory of the motion, said: "There is a great body of opinion on our side of the House that will resist it with everything we have got. I believe this will demoralise the forces." The British Legion and

other service support groups also condemned the plan, though ministers insist that the 25-year leaseback by the sites has been misunderstood. improve concerned. by what they call the "regi-mental patch", a cluster of married quarters in which young wives can find support when their men are away. Tony Blair, the Labour leader, complained that the leaseback formula being

plug the Treasury's need for Mr Major replied that the scheme had been under consideration for some time and was intended to release ment to be purchased for the

pushed through on the cheap and with "indecent haste" to

armed services." He denied that service rents would rise, that families would be moved against their

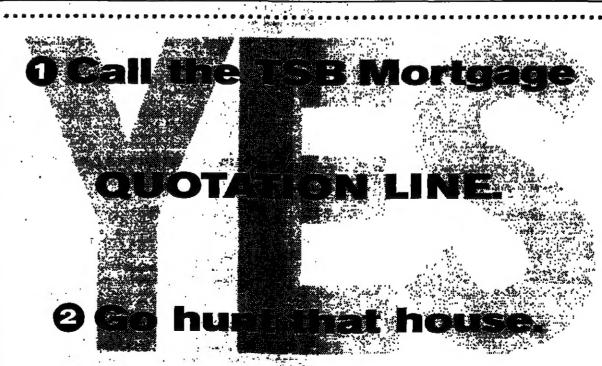
the houses Army wives were already up in arms over the Portillo

sell-off. The MoD's sweetener a promise to spend £100 million upgrading married quarters — was dismissed by Cherry Milne, chairwoman of the Army Families Federa-

tion, as a "quick fix".

Last night Mr Portillo dismissed as "completely wrong" fears that property speculators would buy up many of the surplus properties at knock-down prices. The private sector would manage the properties better than the MoD, he told Channel 4 News.

But backbench fears are further aroused by suspicions that the policy is being driven by Mr Portillo's adviser,



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Judge deplores sex lies of Wee Frees

Minister cleared in case that has split church, reports Erlend Clouston

HE Free Church of to secure their theological en-Scotland was plunged emy's downfall. "The wit-into crisis yesterday nesses ... have squared their when a judge accused consciences on the basis that Scotland was plunged into crisis yesterday when a judge accused some of its most senior clergy of exploiting false allegations of sexual misconduct to ruin a doca modest degree of dishonesty would be justified by the per-ceived resultant advantage of blackening Macleod."

trinal opponent.
Sheriff John Horsburgh. The judge criticised a mi-nority of the members of a committee which three times over six years decided there QC, branded four women as liars as he cleared the Reverend Professor Donald Mac-leod of five charges of inde-

Mr Macleod said later that he bore no ill will towards the women. "They have shot. The women, who claimed to have been touched or kissed their bolt. They did intend to do me damage far beyond by the 55-year-old professor of systematic theology, were do me damage far beyond part of a hostile "nexus" prepared to bend the moral rules what they were doing."



Vindicated . . . Professor Donald Macleod, cleared of charges of indecent assault, pictured at the Free Church College in Edinburgh where he works

about the conspirators whose motives were said to have included revenge for his hostile review of a biography of a Welsh evangelical. "My confi-dence in High Calvinism has been dented. I don't under-stand how people who hold Christian beliefs can end up

as virtual persecutors."

His acquittal brought an end to a 10-year history of persistent innuendo that began with claims that the profes-sor, on the progressive wing of the Free Church, had committed adultery with an un-named co-religionist in Ausdefence claims that the whom she has some regard in

with supporters on the Free Church's influential training of the ministry committee after the Australian rumours were found unsubstantiated.

The judge did not specifi-cally accuse Mr Macleod's enemies of urging the women to perjure themselves. But he said of the Cambridge-based statistician, referred to as Dr H, who had claimed that Mr Macleod had lifted up her skirt in the course of an assault that lasted at least 90 minutes: "She maybe allowed

He was less charitable women's stories had been the furtherance of their objection the conspirators whose used by Protestant zealots tives." The Rev John Murray, tives." The Rev John Murray, who presented the statemen of one the alleged victims to the training of the ministry committee, was "a dangerous

> Mr Murray, the minister at St Columba's Free Church in Edinburgh, is co-founder of the Banner of Truth publishing house with the Rev Ian Murray, described by Mr Macleod in his evidence as the "archbishop of world Calvinism".

The judge said both had set out to secure "the downfall" of Mr Macleod, whom they considered to be, among other things, soft on Roman Catholicism.

Their fellow Free Church conspirators included the Rev Angus Smith, Mr Macleod's Proselytising not brother-in-law, and the Rev necessary
Gordon Mair, convener of the Music: none

housing to destitute is illegal

committee.
The judge likened the rationale of the campaign to the Jesuits justification of the Inquisition: 'It may be a bit messy, but it's a good way of sorting out the heretics."

The four women main-

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Asylum policy setback

Traditionalist Bible: 17th century Psalms: Old English Hatless women: not

tained that they had been sep-arately assaulted by the professor in his car, his house, and his study at the Free Church College in Edinburgh. aged 28, the niece of the Mr

Three of the allegations emerged in 1994 "at the 11th when a majority of the

Smith, alleged that Mr Mac-leod had attempted to kiss her on a date when he was actu-

Sermons: emollient Bible: 20th century New Psalms: modern English Hatless women: welcome Social action: Bible Proselytising: Bible Music: yes — off kirk

committee had decided there was nothing in other claims. Under cross-examination by Andrew Hardie QC, defend ing, inconsistencies emerged in the women's testimony. M

ally in the Outer Hebrides. Others had difficulty ex plaining why in some cases it had taken years for them to make complaints. All four were related to, or

supporters of opponents of Mr Macleod. N, aged 36, an Australian illustrator, was revealed to have had her air fare to Scotland paid by a fund established by a worshipper in Mr John Murray's previous church. The judge described this as "interfer ence in the process of

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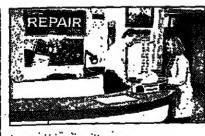
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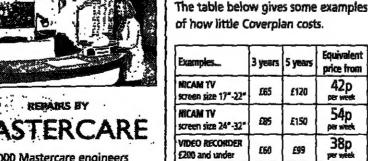


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asylum policy suf-fered a further blow tion of emergency legislation, unlike the earlier ruling, but yesterday when the Appeal Court ruled that the denial of it will increase the difficulties temporary council housing to the Government faces in destitute asylum seekers was

The unanimous decision by three Appeal Court judges fol-lows their ruling last Friday that the Government's with-drawal of welfare benefits from most asylum seekers was unlawful and should not be tolerated in a civilised

HE credibility of the

Government's nev

The two rulings yesterday prompted complaints from backbench Conservative MPs

touch with public opinion, which believed that such people "shouldn't receive ablement." benefits at the expense of the

taxpayer' will not lead to the introduc pushing its changes through both Houses of Parliament

The ruling by Lords Jus-tices Simon Brown, Neill and Waite, found that four London councils were wrong to exclude destitute asylum seekers from shelter and should have considered them all as "priority vulnerable cases" and offered them tem-

porary accommodation.

Judges rule denial of temporary why someone likely to suffer injury or detriment through a total inability to clothe, feed or shelter himself should be any less entitled to priority housing than someone vulnerable through age or dis-

Jerry Clore, the solicitor representing three of the four enged the decisions, said: "What the Court of Appeal has said today is that they are not prepared to see asylum sekers who have fled perse cution and torture in their own country having to sleep rough on the streets of Brit-

ain's capital."
The four applicants were
Joseph Kihara, from Kenya; Lidya Araya, an Ethiopian Dragomir Pavlov, from Bul-garia, and Telkeja Ilunga-llunga, who fied Zaire. The Government's difficul-

that the rule would make it impossible for the news-

papers in both cases to mount a defence.

A Lords amendment to the bill, which Labour failed to defeat on Monday, allows MPs to waive the privilege, enshrined in the Bill of Rights in defenation cases It.

1689, in defamation cases. It

will apply where newspapers

ties arose from the decision to

duty to give temporary housrefugee status. It was this legal duty that the Appeal Court upheld yesterday. The Asylum and Immigration Bill will remove that duty when it

Nick Hardwick, director of he Refueee Council, which helped the four bring their case, said: "This is another blow to the Government's pollcy. Any fair-minded person must recognise that the Govermment's asylum policy has no credibility left. We hope peers and MPs of all parties will call a halt to the plan to throw asylum seekers on the

The Department of the Environment spokesman was surprised at the judges' deci-sion as the courts had not previously held that financial circumstances amounted to withdraw housing benefit sufficient "special reason" to backbench Conservative MPs | Lord Justice Simon Brown from most asylum seekers on make people eligible for that the judges were out of said: "I see no good reason February 8 while local ausocial housing.

MP reopens libel action after vote

Clare Dyer

Alan Travis

RUPERT Allason, the Tory MP for Torbay, yesterday became the first member of Parliament to take advantage of MPs' new freedom to waive parliamen-tary privilege in libel cases. Mr Allason filed High Court papers applying for a stay to be lifted on his action against Joe Haines, political columnist of the defunct tabloid

Today, and the paper's former editor, Richard Stott. The Defamation Bill, which received its third reading on Monday night, will pave the way for Mr Allason and another Tory MP, Neil Hamilton, to reopen actions against newspapers which had been blocked by a 300-year-old rule barring the courts from in-quiring into the activities of



Rupert Allason: action against defunct newspaper

want to cite parliamentary papers or proceedings in their defence. MPs, even those who

have waived the privilege, will still have full protection from libel writs over remarks they make in Parliament. Ironically, Mr Allason brought his libel action against Mr Haines over an article which accused him of

abusing parliamentary privi-lege. Mr Justice Owen held that it would be unfair to Parliament. In separate decisions in a single week last allow the case to go ahead. As July, High Court judges held an MP, he said, Mr Allason

Within days Mr Justice May halted an action by Mr Hamilton and the parliamen-tary lobbyist Ian Green against the Guardian over al-legations of payments for ask-ing parliamentary questions. The judge said he was

"acutely conscious" that the effect might be seen as a profound denial of justice to Mr Hamilton and Mr Greer, a denial of a formula to the constitution of a formula of a for nial of a forum to the Guardian to justify its publication and even as a licence to publish material about parliamentary proceedings which, even if untrue, might go untrue, might go

unremedied. Labour's attempt to scrap the Lords clause was defeated by 61 votes.

Ministers may suspend Post Office's letters monopoly

INISTERS are planning to suspend the Royal

mail's monopoly on letters and junk mail for the duration of the postal dispute if strikes continue after tomorrow's one day stoppage.

Organisations representing the direct mail commanies are the direct mail companies are also privately pressing minis-ters to suspend the monopoly

permanently after the industrial action is over. This has left ministers with a dilemma, despite their free-market inclinations. Such a change would require legislation with uncertain pros-pects, given the Govern-

attack in the Lords on Friday when peers debate a report rejecting the abolition of the postal monopoly on direct

The move highights a toughening of the Government's desire to see off the strike, which has solid support from the workforce. Yes-terday, ministers were deterterday, ministers were neigh-mined to press the case after being angered by Labour's disclosure of a U-turn on government policy towards the postal monopoly in the Euro-

pean Union. The tougher attitude will coincide with a big attack on the Labour Party on the day the postal workers stage their second day's strike. Ministers and Conservative Central ment's majority of one in the Office intend to demand to commons. Ministers also face know where Tony Blair, the

confidential minutes which revealed a government U-turn over the Post Office monopoly

Labour leader, stands on the on "junk mail" deliveries. In tion, Britain will tomorrow support a new European Union directive to end the direct mail monopoly in 2001.

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Plunging morale causing haemorrhage of doctors that could leave some areas without medical cover, BMA conference is told

GP exodus threatens NHS disaster

Chris Mihili Medical Con

HE health service is facing a haemorr hage of doctors that could leave some now it was rare to find them areas without medical cover because of plunging morale, the British Medical Association warned

The exodus meant GP services in particular were facing a disaster, as younger doctors were not coming forward to replace those who were

The BMA's annual meeting in Brighton heard that growing workloads, increased lucracy, frustration with

changes and less time with patients meant many doctors were leaving the profession.

young doctors wanting to become GPs.
"Young doctors don't want Joy Edleman, a consultant from liford, Essex, said a few years ago it was rare to find doctors retiring before 65, but

staying over 60. Sandy Addison, from Lanarkshire, warned that for many years a growing recruitment crisis in general practice had been ignored by ministers and the Department of Health. "A mounting wave of disaffection is threatening Britain's family Britain's family doctor service with disaster

Recruitment to GP training schemes had fallen with more than 50 per cent undersub-scribed, whereas in the 1980s

to face the prospect of a professional life in a branch of medicine where skills will wither, where credibility as a professional doctor is set to decline and their ability to add columns of figures and understand the jargon of con-tracting and purchasing is

more important than clinical

Ian Banks, a member of the working party set up by the BMA to look into the exodus from the profession said: "morale among doctors is lower than a snake's navel but the Government is inca-

pable of listening. "There are insufficient doctors coming in at one end and | to 1,450. Ian Bogle, chairman

bucket, but there's a hole in one end as well."

east London there were 140 GP vacancies, but a recruitment drive had failed to find one doctor willing to work in the area. Although GP numbers over

were opting for part time work. Young doctors training to be GPs had dropped from 2,139 in 1989 to 1,840 in 1995. scale the number of GPs aged 60-65 had stood at 2,085 in 1988

doctors retiring early at the of the BMA's GP committee other. Not only is there not said: "Young doctors don't enough water going in to the want to come in to general practice and older doctors are bailing out. We are facing a

Dr Bogle said if new GPs could not be found, patient lists for the remainder would the first 10 weeks since April when it started a telephone all appeared to be rising this disguised the fact that many counselling service for mem-bers it had received 800 calls,

some from doctors who were Mark Porter, chairman of the steering group overseeing the project, said: "It is a sad fact that workload emerges as the major issue causing stress

among doctors working in the NHS."

Private money no remedy for cuts in NHS'

REPRESENTATIVES at esterday voted by an over whelming majority against a scheme which allows private investors to pay NHS capital projects like hospital buildings.

They opposed the princi-ple of the private finance initiative (PFI) in health care, which has become a cornerstone of government health policy.

Public capital funding in the NHS has been cut by al-most 17 per cent on the

Six PFI projects costing £16 million have been approved. But many doctors fear

the notion of private fi-nance will undermine the NHS and lead to "privatisation by the back door". The BMA drew back from outright conflict with the Government, saying that

where PFI was the only

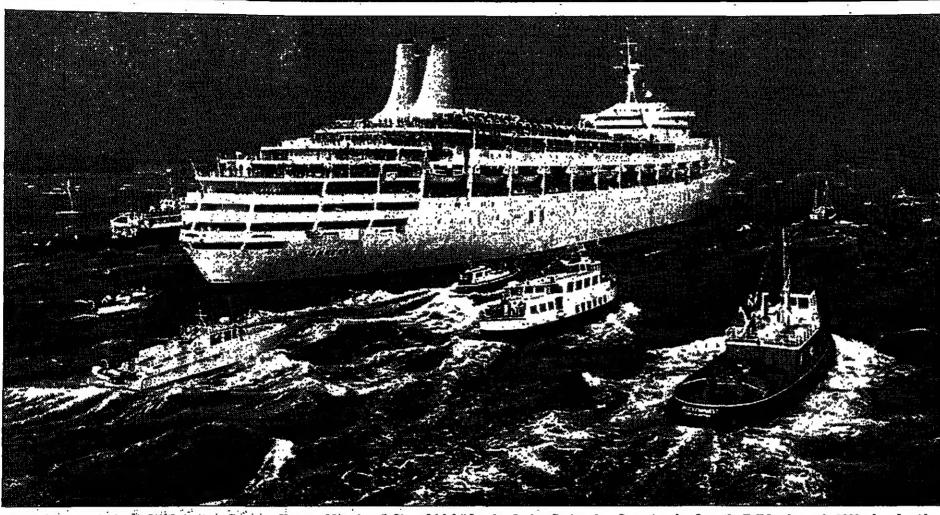
way new hospitals or health centres could be built, it could go ahead provided certain guidelines were followed. Sandy Macara, BMA

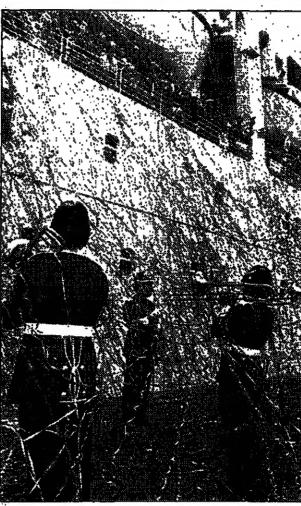
chairman, said the associa-tion would prefer PFI not to cial organisation which cam happen but it lived in the

basis of money being at-tracted from the private had to be in place in areas had to be in place in areas where it was used. He said doctors were being black-mailed into using the sysway to get new facilities as the Government had cut the money allocated for

NHS building projects. "They are being black-mailed into accepting the private finance initiative for one reason and one reason only. That is that the Government is not prepared to recognise the real-ity of under-funding in the National Health Service." He added: "The NHS is

Ship's withdrawal marks the end of a distinguished career — during peace and war — of a veteran of world travel





The Camberra returning to Southampton after one of her world craises (left), and (right) leaving for her first craise after returning from

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Canberra ready for last trip as grand era of ocean cruising draws to close

John Ezard looks back with nostalgia on a passing age of wood-panelled luxury

HE liner Canberra, last vestige of the grand traditional era of ocean cruising, will disap-pear from the passenger seas of the world next

Her owners, P&O Cruises, announced yesterday that the 44,807-tonne ship — with her luxurious mahogany panelling — would end her career on September 30, 1997, after 36 years in service.

The decision sets a seal on voyages totalling more than 3 million miles, during which the vessel car-ried nearly a million cruise passengers, 6.500 troops and more than 3,000 prisoners of war, serving as a troop ship in the 1982 Falk-

lands conflict. It also ends an epoch. Canberra was launched in June 1961, not long before new fire regulations, in-creasing caution and costcutting combined to stop



A marine practising winch landings on to the Camberra

the use of fine hardwoods in cruise design. She was the last ship of her kind to be built. Most previous luxury liners had vied with each other in their acreages of tropical woodwork, installed to fos-ter a baronial atmosphere.

glories. In her Falklands service.

made her vulnerable to

at a mass market, had wood British Legion veterans a in her two dining rooms, ber saloons, including the taking them to Normandy in her two dining rooms, ber saloons, including the famous Cricketers' Bar, her for purser's lobby and many of commemorations. her 787 cabins. "She bad Gwyn Hughes, n wirtually every type of wood," one of P&O's staff

said last night. It cost £17 million, had a top speed of 23.5 knots and when launched was the largest post-war British

passenger ship. In 1973 she was nearly withdrawn because of competition from big jets, but the market recovered.

However, new pressures and laws ushered in the use of plastics and artificial fabrics typified by the QE2. Cruise buffs criticised was never again used as a Arcadia.

passenger liner. The com-

she was fearfully nicknamed "the great white cruises. Her 20-night fare-whale" because her size well cruise will sail from

bombing. In 1994 she gave Royal September 10, 1997.

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Gwyn Hughes, managing director of P&O Cruises, said: "We very much hope the vessel will not be scrapped.
"Various organisations

have approached us about possible uses for the ship. These include her becom ing a floating hotel or a visitor centre.

We are now discussing all these possibilities and hope to make a decision in the next few months.

"Canberra is now an el-derly lady and although she remains a much-loved ship, no vessel can continue in even Canberra as inferior no vessel can continue in to its predecessors. But service indefinitely." She such is its mystique that will be replaced by the P&O said yesterday it would only be sold on condition it which will be renamed

passenger liner. The com-pany did not want it to be-come a travesty of its old age between January and April next year before returning to Britain for her final season of UK-based Southampton for the east-ern Mediterranean on

'Family first' claim in race case over coveted Ford jobs

HITE workers at Ford's largest British car plant have been allowed to maintain their privileged status and high wages at the ex-pense of black and Asian col-leagues, an industrial tribu-

nal heard yesterday. White employees at the Dagenham plant in Essex were three times more likely than non-white colleagues to be transferred to coveted jobs as .£32,000-a-year lorry

drivers, the hearing at Stratford east London, was told. to ethnic minorities had Between 40 and 45 per cent changed. He argued that of the plant's manual workforce was of ethnic minority origin, but only 2 per cent of

those were on the truck fleet. Robin Allen, representing seven black and Asian workers at Dagenham for the

Transport and General Work-ers' Union, said all were turned down for the truck fleet although one had a

heavy goods vehicle licence and two qualified soon after being refused the job. In 1990, when the seven were refused jobs as lorry drivers, only fines out of 29 successful applicants were from athulc minorities. from ethnic minorities. Some 148 white workers applied and 53 non-whites.

The seven claim that in 1995 the truck recreitment process showed no sign the attitude of Ford's managemen Ford's attitude was the conse quence of the wishes of the truck force, adding: "The truck fleet has allowed

recruitment to take place on the basis of family ties." The hearing continues today.



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Major goes quiet on UN leadership

ian Biack Diplomatic Editor

HE secretary general of the United Nations.
Boutros Boutros-Ghali, met John Major last night but conspicuously won neither public praise nor a clear British endorsement of his candidacy

for a second term.

Talks with the prime minister at Downing Street — arranged long before the candidate in the conditions are less treet. dacy issue arose last week — focused on a range of UN business.

Whitehall sources insisted there would be no British decision on the UN post before consultations with allies.

"There was an exchange of views on Mr Boutros-Ghali's future," Downing Street said. As is well known, the UK does not comment publicly on the election of the secretarygeneral. In the meantime, there are six months of Mr Boutros-Ghali's term to run and a full agenda ahead."

This non-committal and distinctly lukewarm line con-trasted sharply with last Thursday's speedy Foreign Office praise for a "distinguished statesman ... who one of the world's most difficult assignments".

The picture may become clearer after Friday's G7 summit in Lyon, where Mr Boutros-Ghali will talk on devel-

opment issues.
Mr Major, President Bill Clinton of the United States, France's Jacques Chirac and the Russian prime minister, Victor Chernomyrdin, will be there. China, the fifth permanent member of the UN Secu-

rity Council, will not. Senior UN officials insisted yesterday that Mr Boutros-Ghali was not actively campaigning. "Of course he needs support and he needs it from the permanent five," said one aide. "But it's not in his nature to say 'would you please support me Mr X?' And he has devoted himself to the organisation and is willing to con-

tinue to do so."
Mr Boutros-Ghali announced last week he would seek the second term tradi-tionally accorded to UN tionally accorded to UN the agenda for talks this chiefs, but the US immediately said it would veto him.

insisting a new, reforming hand was needed at the helm. Britain was publicly embar-rassed and privately angered by the US move, which was widely seen as a politically motivated response to the highlighting of the UN by the Republican presidential con-tender, Bob Dole.

British officials say that the US decision to threaten a veto means that a Boutros-Ghall candidacy will now be diffi-cult to achieve without a public row or a climbdown by Washington, which is poss-ible but unlikely if President Clinton is re-elected in

UN sources insisted that Mr Boutros-Ghali's decision to stand again was not nego tiable, rejecting the sugges-tion that his second term might be cut to two or possi-

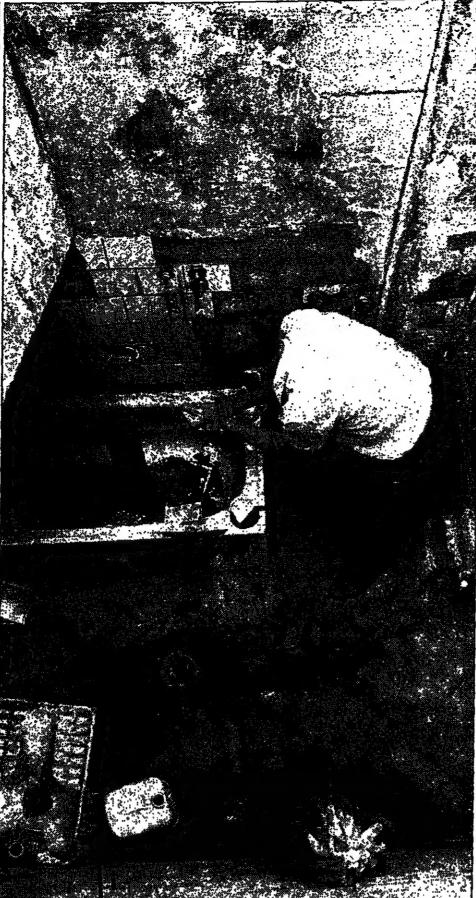
bly even one year. Mr Boutros-Ghali has said he considers a second term necessary for fulfilling his mandate of reforming the UN and has defended his efforts to bring change. "We're in the middle of a dramatic phase of reform. One can't just simply stop after five years and say,

"That's it'," he said.
In a bid for African support,
Mr Boutros Ghali binted during an interview published at the weekend in Germany that racism may have played a role in the US decision.

"Every UN secretary-gen-eral has received two terms," he told Bonn's General-Anzeiger newspaper. "Should — the first African — not ge

Third World countries are already campaigning to per-suade China to act as a counter-weight to the US and use its veto against any candi-date who emerges with Wash-ington's backing. But US officials believe that a majority of member states will eventu-ally acknowledge that the UN cannot have a secretary-gen-eral who is actively opposed by the most powerful country

Mr Boutros-Ghali and Mr Major also discussed what happens in Bosnia after the departure of the Nato-led I-For peace implementation force, as well as Cyprus, UN reform and finances — all on



Charred remains . . . Omer Imsirovic, a Bosnian Muslim, washes his hands in his bathroom

Date for poll in Bosnia agreed

Reuter in Vienna

HE head of the Organisa tion for Security and Co-operation in Europe said esterday that Bosnia's first ost-war elections would take place on September 14.
The OSCE chairman-in-

office, the Swiss foreign min-ister, Flavio Cotti, told the body's Vienna-based permanent council that he was giving the go-ahead for the polls in line with the timetable in the Dayton accord.

The decision to give the green light for the elections, and I say this to you in all frankness, has been anything but easy for me," he said.

The Dayton pact entrusted the OSCE with organising elections throughout Bosnia. Mr Cotti had to give the final approval. He said he based his decision on wide consultations, in particular in Bosnia itself, and on the position taken by the conference on Bosnia in Florence. "Its (the Florence confer-

ence's) attitude is unanimous and unequivocal in the desire that the elections take place on 14 September, 1996, the deadline foreseen in the peace agreement. And so it shall be," he said. Mr Cotti stressed that for

the elections to be effective indicted war criminals, such as the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, must lose their political influence.

He said Mr Karadzic pulling the strings behind the scenes and manipulating po-litical events in Republika Srpska, Bosnian Serb territory which occupies 49 per cent of Bosnian territory

"He provokes the signatories to the peace agreement and indeed the entire world by flaunting his freedom of action," Mr Cotti said.

Mr Cotti weighed the pros and cons of holding elections by September 14. "The reasons for and against weigh out equal in the balance," he said. But the minimum pre-requisites for free elections must be met.

"These prerequisites, and this is the opinion of the chairman-in-office, have at the present point in time and in spite of the small progress mentioned, not been ful-

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More purges by Yeltsin as Lebed gets stronger

David Hearst in Moscow

LEXANDER LEBED. a two-star general who was a minor player on the Russian political stage until 10 days ago, received sweeping powers yesterday to make top military appointments and turn the security council of which he is secretary into a mini-politburo.

In a little noticed presiden-tial announcement, Mr Lebed was made chairman of a com-mission appointing the military's supreme commanders. The move was accompanied by a purge of army generals ministries on which any and advisers loyal to the now future Russian president disgraced former minister of must rely.

defence, Pavel Grachev. President Boris Yeltsin also announced that the security council of which Mr Lebed is secretary will have greater powers and a permanent staff of 183 advisers.

Mr Yeltsin said he had also decided to adopt some ele-ments of Mr Lebed's programme on state security Chechenia and the fight against crime.

former general, whom Presi-dent Yeltsin has been meeting on an almost daily basis, unlimited powers to reshape the leadership of the top security ministries on which any

Last week Mr Lebed se- | ficers by surprise. One of | paper, Argumenti i Facti, said | cured the dismissal of the | them, Coionel General | he was determined to form a | three most powerful men be-

Yesterday's moves give the

hind Mr Yeltsin, his chief bodyguard General Alexander Korzhakov, General Mikhail Barsukov, the head of the federal security service and Oleg Soskovyets, the deputy prime minister. Mr Yeltsin continued the

purge yesterday with a clearout of another seven generals, five of whom had been invited to tea with Gen Grachev last Tuesday after he resigned as defence minister. A further two deputy secretaries of the security council — Vladimir Rubanov and Alexander Troshin — were also dismissed.

Dmitry Kharchenko said: " didn't expect such a turn of events." The others include Colonel General Viktor Barynkin, first deputy director of the general staff; Colonel Gen-eral Anatoly Bogdanov and Colonel General Vyacheslav Zherebtsov, both deputy di-rectors; Lieutenant-General-Sergei Zdorlkov, a close associate of Gen Grachev; Colonel-General Valery Lapshov, head of Gen Grachev's administration; and Lieuten-

Shulikov. Yesterday the president, in an interview with the mass The purge took the army of | circulation Russian news-

Vladimir

ant-General

new team likely to be more popular with voters. "New people are arriving who are both authoritative as far as the people are concerned and professional, like Alexander Lebed," he said. "There will be more reshuffles to come and new specialists will arrive. The team will be serious, strong, and will last for a long time." But he appeared to close the door on a come-

back by Anatoli Chubais, the former privatisation chief who earlier this year lost his position as deputy vice-pre-

leader Gennady Zyuganov de-nied that his campaign was running out of steam, and de-clared three times at a press conference that he was preparing for victory in the second round on July 3. Asked what he would like for his 52nd birthday today, he replied: "If they could just stop telling lies about me for one day on television.

· Arctic Russia's biggest city, Murmansk, has asked Norway for a loan of more than £300,000 to cover back pay for teachers, doctors and other state employees. The mier and now works as a low Norwegian foreign ministry level election adviser to the said it would consider the request

French mourn decline of the beret | Daggers out in

Alex Duval Smith in Paris

TRENCH institutions Like baguettes and Gauloises may be in decline, but few bemoaned the passing of military ser-vice. Until this week, that is, when it became clear that France's beret industry is reeling at the loss of 150,000 conscripts a year. Maurice Beighau, whose

38 staff have been making berets in the Basque country since 1928, said military orders accounted for up to 40 per cent of his ompany's £1.6 million in the Béarn region where the hat was invented by shepherds 800 years ago. company's £1.6 million

days, I can't see how civilian orders can make up for the loss of our most impor-tant client," he said. "This is the worst thing to have happened since car heaters encouraged people to take their hats off."

The country's three man-ufacturers of standardissue blue, green and red berets claim they will be the first casualties of Presi-dent Jacques Chirac's decision last month to switch to

a professional army. Beighau Berets and their rivals. Béatex and Blancq-Olibet are key employers

because Oloron Sainte Marie, where Beighau and Béatex are based, is on the pilgrims' route to Santiago de Compostella in Spain, but it was Field Marshall Montgomery who intro-duced berets as standard-

issue military gear. day it "If we closed, it would today. not only be a blow to local employment but the end of an historic industry," said Mr Beighau, who has run his company since 1945.

However, the managing director of rival Béatex, Bernard Fargue, called on beret manufacturers to be mated loss combative. "We have to market of 1. look at exports. In 1995, rettes a year.

Bereis spread worldwide | Béatex exported 600.000 military berets. There is still a market out there," he said.

Warnings of the decline of the beret come as France digests news of a falling consumption in baguettes — down from 500 grams a day in 1945 to 160 grams

The quintessentially French Gauloises and Gitanes brunes cigarettes are also losing out. The Seita tobacco company recently launched its own American-blend Gauloises and Gitanes to counter an estimated loss in the brunes market of 1.5 billion ciga-

Pasok election

Helena Smith in Athens

REECE'S ruling Pasok party has plunged into crisis on the eve of a to the former prime minister. Andreas Papandreou, who will be buried to the sound of canons and gunfire in the cap-

ever more likely, thousands yesterday flocked to Athens' cathedral to pay their respects to the veteran politician, as old rifts among the Socialists opened over the succession.

tra Liani. dreou loyalists - led by the interior minister, Akis Tsochadzopoulos - and the man who took over as prime min-

openly challenged Mr Papan. dreon's rule, has made it clear he wants the post. Aides say that, unless the prime minister wins, he will not ment his modernising

adviser said. "Without it, it is unlikely that Pasok will stay united." Since assumming power, Mr Simitis has won plaudits

from the international community where his pro-Western, moderate stance has been seen as a welcome departure from his predeces-sor's populist rhetoric and anti-European harangues. But his efforts to improve Greece's image abroad have not been so popular at home. Increasingly, he has come under attack from Papandreou traditionalists, loyal to his influential widow, Dimi-

Mr Tsochadzopoulos, who has wide appeal within the party, has often denounced Mr Simitis for his lack of "social conscience" in enact-ing painful reforms to bring Greece - the European Union's poorest member state - in line with its partners. The prime minister has also been repeatedly criticised by socialists for his soft-

line approach to Greek-Turkish relations at a time of considerable friction between the two Nato rivals. Last week, Mr Tsochadzo-

poulos repeated his view that Pasok could remain united only if the posts of prime minister and party leader were held by different men.

The prospect of Mr Simitis winning the post narrowly — or not at all — has fuelled speculation that the prime



World news in brief

seeks asylum

THE widow of the killed Chechen rebel leader Dzhokhar Dudayev is likely to seek asylum in Finland, a Finnish newspaper said

yesterday.
According to the daily IItalehti, a family friend said cial. Walter Sloacombe, Alla Dudayeva is in hiding in another country. She fled Moscow this month with her son, aged 13.

Ms Dudayeva's late hus-

band, as president of Checkinya, was the leader of the republic's drive to se-cede from Russia. He died air strike. — AP.

Dudayev's wife | China attacks Dalai Lama

China yesterday denounced the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled

god-king, as a puppet of inter-national forces opposed to Beijing and said he would never succeed in his goal of Meanwhile, a Pentagon offi-

undersecretary of defence, ar-rived for the first high-level US military contact with China since its confrontation with Talwan in March soured relations. — Agencies.

Gold fraud inquiry An Argentinian prosecutor, in April, with rebels saying Pablo Lanusse, whose sister was forced to cut the word A Kuwaiti court sentenced years, the staff said yester"gold" into her face by an unthree former oil executives to he was killed in a Russian was forced to cut the word

| identified attacker, has vowed | between 15 and 40 years in jail to get to the bottom of a \$70 million gold fraud he is infor corruption yesterday and ordered them to pay up to \$130 million (£83 million) in vestigating. - Reuter.

No secret love The United States has tightened up the rules of romantic engagement between its diplo-

mats in Moscow and Rus-sians, telling them they have to report liaisons immedi-

ately. — Reuter. Last camp shut Malaysia closed the last of its camps for Vietnamese boat-people yesterday, but UN offi-

the first of many countries in the region to do so. - Reuter. £83m fines

cials noted that it was merely

Crime ring bust Turkish prosecutors in Istanbul were questioning 11 people yesterday after police smashed a crime ring involving army and police officers, a court official said. — Reuter. Yiddish finale

stolen money. — Reuter,

fines and repayments of

The world's last daily Yiddish newspaper, Unzer Wort (Our Word), which was published in Paris, will fold at the end of this month, victim of rising costs which killed several big-

ital today.
With early elections looking

The death of Mr Papandreou early last week at the age of 77, and his apparent refusal to leave a political will, has set the stage for a showdown between Papandreou lovelists.

ister, Costas Simitis. The scene of battle is the four-day party congress due to open tomorrow. Mr Simitis, a 60-year-old pro-European reformer who

have the support to imple-

programme. "It is vital that he wins the post because it not only con-trols the party machine but will give him the mandate to form a government when elections are next held." one a supplementation that the prime minister will be forced to call a snap election to assert his elections are next held."

Broadcasters face ire of Likud

US fury at Britain's nuclear plan

Martin Walker in Washington

RITAIN was accused of "unbelievable per-fidy" and "getting its revenge for Northern by independent US arms control experts yester-day, as the US delegation voted against the British plan for a compromise at the Gen-eva talks on a comprehensive

fest ban treaty.

The American delegates, official and independent, were furious at what British officials insist was a genuine last-ditch attempt to secure a comprehensive test ban treaty before Friday's deadline for the nuclear pact.

British sources denied yesterday that they were at loggerheads with the Clinton ad-

ministration and the state department, but are nervous that if the treaty founders, Britain is being cast as the

scapegoat.
The US in Geneva voted against a compromise that had been backed by Britain, Russia and Pakistan. The suspense is now mounting for the three days that remain before the United Nations dead-line if the treaty is to be agreed and endorsed at the general assembly this year, a date which would also allow President Clinton to claim a diplomatic success in the weeks before his election day.

"The negotiations are at a critical stage. We are working closely with our allies," a state department spokesman

The CTB treaty has always been a dual instrument; a way to prevent proliferation to new nuclear powers and an arms control device to stop the five admitted nuclear powers from testing their

The British have concentrated on producing a deal that the non-admitted nuclear powers of India, Pakistan and Jovers of India, Pakistan and Israel can all support. The US negotiators are stressing the need for a strong verification and inspection regime.

Over the weekend, Britain stunned the US negotiators by

supporting a Chinese pro-posal for much softer verification measures, arguing that this was a price worth paying to get India, Pakistan and Israel to sign and ratify the treaty. But when India announced that the would not nounced that it would not sign, the heart of the British policy collapsed, even as the Americans were denouncing

Americans were denouncing "British perfidy".

"British perfidy".

"British s actions, in direct defiance of its supposed closest ally, go way beyond the particulars of the treaty negotiations. This is payback time for what the Clinton administration did over Northern Ireland, and payback for the US taking Britain's nuclear on taking Britain's nuclear options off the table. This is bad blood," Michael Crapon of the Stimson Centre, one of the leading arms control thinktanks, said. "Britain is the world's lead-

ing purveyor of plutonium, and it is a fantastic exercise in hypocrisy for Britain to plead that it is trying to stop proliferation," Chris Payne, of the National Resources De-fence Council, another of the non-governmental organisations, said.

Negotiators are still hoping to hammer out a compromise based on new proposals from the Dutch chairman, Jaap Ramaker. One proposal would put monitoring stations in 37 countries, including the three non-declared nuclear powers, and another would bring the treaty into effect automatically once it is ratified by 75 countries.

News in brief

East African leaders ready to intervene in Burundi

ASUMMIT of East African in widening Hutu rebel raids or massecres by the mainly rundi's Tutsi-dominated gov. Tutsi army. The summit of ernment vesterday into agreed five aresidents from the ing to some form of foreign the region agreed first a commission will explore the scope for tary — to half civil war, intervention. The Tanzanian writes Chris McGreal in president Benjamin Mkapa.
Johannesburg said it will be aimed at bring-

Johannesburg.
The meeting was called: after Julius Nyerere, the for-mer Tanzanian president and an international mediator in the crisis, said talks had eached an impasse over the Burundi government's refusal to cede power to the Hutu majority and to negotiate with increasingly effective rebel groups. Amnesty International esti-mates that more than 1,000 people are dying each month

ing an immediata halt to.

violence. Burundi's Tutsi prime minister, Antoine Nauwayo, has consistently refused either to permit foreign troops on his country's soil, except for Organisation of African Unity observers, or to talk to the rebels. But his remarks after the summit indicated that military intervention, favoured by neighbouring Tan-zania, is not ruled out.

Freed family flees Morocco for France

THREE relatives of the late Moroccan interior minister, Mohammed Oufkir, reached France yesterday after fleeing Morocco.
King Hassau had forbidden them to leave ever since Oufkir died in a coup attempt in 1972 in which Moroccan air force planes tried to shoot down the king's aircraft.

Outkir's daughter, Maria, aged 34, arrived at Orly airport with her adopted son, aged three, and an aunt.

French radio stations said the group was smuggled out of Morocco a week ago by a French busi-nessman on a boat that sailed to the Spanish enclave of Ceuta, east of Tan-gier on the North African coast. They were then flown by helicopter to the Spanish mainland.

Oufkir, a power behind Hassan's throne for many years, was officially said to have committed suicide after the failed coup in which air force planes attacked the king's aircraft as it returned from abroad.
Hassan's political foes
and foreign media said Oufkir was shot by firing squad without trial along with half a dozen other

Members of Outkir's family were detained without trial until 1991 when they were released after a campaign by human rights groups. - Reuter.

Dutch oppose deal with Iran over Rushdie

HE Dutch government spoke out yesterday against a possible European Union compromise with Iran which may accept the fation against the British writer Sal-

man Rushdie.
The Dutch foreign minister
Hans van Mierlo sald a meeting between himself and Mr Rushdie on Monday had agreed "that the EU should not accept any formulation in which the death sentence

would be accepted".
Yesterday's statement came
after revelations on Monday that a majority of EU members now support a compro-mise under which Iran could be offered recognition of the continuing "validity and irre-vocability" of the fativa in exchange for written guarantees from Tehran that it will not actually carry out the death

edict.
The Dutch government claims to know nothing of the planned compromise, but says it will continue to register its opposition with other EU members against the possibility of such a deal being

In an interview with the Amsterdam newspaper Het Parool, Mr Rushdie said a compromise would be "counterproductive" and immoral If the EU is thinking of such a deal I would recommend that they think again," he added. "I can see that Europe is very bored with the issue and is desperate to get it off the agenda." — AP.

'Virtual university' to open doors

States could be studying or workplaces, downloading for degrees at a "virtual university" next year after a group of state governors pledged to establish the first

The new university will

or workplaces, downloading assignments and lectures from the Internet and submitting their work by e-mail.
"This is not a replacement

such educational institution for the existing system of higher education," said Utah's governor. Michael Leaviti It's a way of creating new allow people to study for a choices and opportunities."

A media sell-off threatens journalists who failed to endorse Netanyahu's campaign, writes Shyam Bhatia in Jerusalem

The Israeli Broadcasting Authority has been accused of leftwing bias by minis-ters after journalists failed to endorse Mr Netznyahu during May's election campaign.

Mr Netanyahu himself has held back from criticis-ing televison and radio for supporting the former Labour government of Shimon Peres. But his minister of communications, Limor Livnat, says the po-

new government is elections," Mr Livnat said threatening the state-owned broadcasting com-pany with privatisation. in a recent interview. "It's not fair that taxpayers should support such an imshould support such an important media organisation that fails to meet the stan-dards of objectivity."

The immediate consequence of privatising the IBA would be the loss of hundreds of journalists' jobs. The government's argument is that the organisation is overstaffed and overdue for stream lining. Privatisation, it ar-

N WHAT many Isrealis | litical prejudice of the IBA | long accused the media of see as a thinly veiled attempt to settle scores. "They did everything to Binyamin Netanyahu's help Shimon Peres win the Netanyahu and his team remember all too clearly a pre-election television in-terview with a Hamas terrorist, Mohammed Abu Wardeh, who was arrested by Palestinian security

agents after a series of sui-cide bombings. Mr Abu Wardeh said during the interview: "We in Hamas believe that by stepping up terrorist attacks we are helping Netanyahu and the right wing in Israel to win the elections." Opinion polls before the

gues, leads to competition elections repeatedly the head of national radio, and improved quality. showed that terrorist Kol Yisrael (the Voice of Israel's right wing has attacks against Israel Israel), to complain that he

weakened support for Mr Peres and his Labour government and benefited Mr Netanyahu. The attacks appeared to have undermined Israelis' confidence in their government's peace deals with the Palestinians. "The Abu Wardeh inter-

respected commentator Nahum Barnea said. "Also it was an insult to the intelligence of the Israelis."
Mr Barnea, who lost his
son in a suicide attack in
Jerusalem last March. claims Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority staged

the interview in an attempt to influence Israeli voters. On the eve of indeper dence day, Mr Netanyahu telephoned Amnon Naday,

with him late at night, long past prime time. Radio sources claim that Mr

view was a cheap and low gimmick," Israel's widely Israel's right wing has long accused the media of following dictates of the left wing

> Netanyahu shouted, "I will deal with you when I am prime minister" as he slammed down the phone.

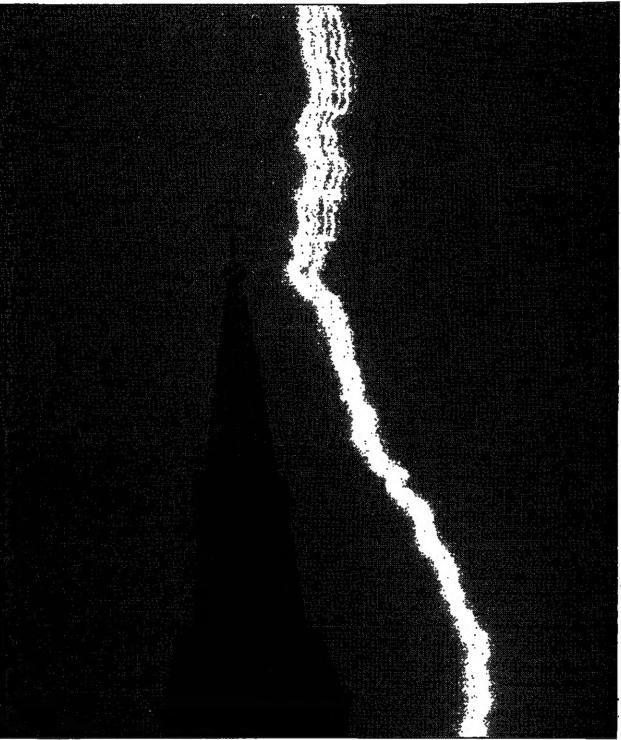
Israeli journalists admit the media have traditionally been associated with

was not receiving fair coverage. Mr Netanyahu was lem's respected weekly, Kol particularly angry at the decision to air an interview with him late at night, long of the murdered prime minature. ister Yitzhak Rabin under the headline "Remember and Vote". Even moderate Israelis

concede this was a clear example of bias, conveying the message that Mr Rabin's assassination was caused by the incitement of the right. Despite the story, Mr Netanyahu won 70 per cent of the vote in

Jerusalem.

Mr Netanyahu's threat to sell the IBA has sent waves of panic through the broad-casting establishment. However, reporting seems unaf-fected: for the past two weeks radio and television have concentrated on political divisions within Mr Ne-



Heavens open . . . Lightning streaks across the sky above the steeple of a church in St Joseph, Missouri. The storm brought damaging winds and flooding to much of the Midwest this week

PHOTOGRAPH TIM SCHOON

New Zealand awaits poll chaos

Giles Wilson in Wellington

FEW yards from the New Zealand parlia-ment is an earthquake fault line which may one day give the country's politicians a very nasty turn. For the moment, however, they have their hands full coping with a shake-up of a different kind delivered not by nature but by the New Zealand public.

first since a referendum cast

aside the Westminster-style

first-past-the-post system in favour of proportional representation. While the ruling National Party has a healthy lead in the polls and will probably do

well enough to have won under the old system, it will now have to find one or more coalition partners to stay in The picture is further complicated by the rise of the rightwing nationalist party New Zealand First, led by the

charismatic Maori, Winston Peters. Shown by polls to be the country's most preferred candidate for prime minister, Mr Peters has won support from the disaffected and the elderly by opposing foreign investment and immigration, particularly from Asia.

High on personality but low on published policy — he speaks for his party on eight separate portfolios — Mr Peters is impredictable. But PR has meant he could decide the

result of the election. The Mixed Member Proportional system (MMP) that to be a junior partner in a co-New Zealand has adopted is alition, as it still carries the based on the electoral set-up | baggage of being the major

the right to nominate whom they want to sit in parlia-ment. Maori activists, union leaders and party insiders seem destined for seats.

So too does the country's most famous radio talkshow host, Pam Corkery, who has given up her job to fight the election for the Alliance party. A well-known left-winger who fought last year to become mayor of Auck-land, she says she decided to The general election, to be land, she says she decided to held in October, will be the run after years listening to tales of hardship from callers to her show.

"I could carry on broadcas ing for the rest of my life, and it might not amount to as much as signing just one piece of legislation to keep a kindergarten going," she

Some of the biggest problems posed by MMP are for the Labour Party, running a poor third in polls behind the National Party and New Zealand First. While it would happily lead a coalition, it is more likely on current form to end up as a minority partner.

There is no doubt Labour would have serious problems allowing itself to be led by Winston Peters as prime minister. Its other main option would be to enter a coalition with its old Tory foe, the National Party - a scenario that has not been universally dismissed

Bryan Gould, now vicechancellor of Waikato University, believes things will be tricky for Labour. "Labour will find it extremely difficult

in Germany, and gives parties | opposition party," he said. "It | written constitution " would be a humiliation, be-cause it would suggest that Labour no longer has that when the two major parties agreed on an extreme programme of reform, I think that's when people said they were going to have to do something about it."

If stability was what voters were after when they chose PR, they may well be disappointed. With three-year fixed-term parliaments and claim on voters' allegiances." The party has not recovered from being kicked out of office in 1990, after its right-

wing reforms improved the

economy but largely disman-tled the welfare state. When the National Party took over,

voters found they got more of

the same.
Mr Gould added: "New Zea

with no checks and balances

fixed-term parliaments and several parties jostling for position, the country could be in land is such a small system

when the two major parties

land is such a small system is conceivable that voters may come to regret adopting. The roots of the fight independence."

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Women lose in Algeria's war

The punishment for un-Islamic females is the same as that for males: death. John-Thor Dahlburg

reports from Algiers OR puritanism, ferocity, method and mayhem, none of Africa's present conflicts match the civil war in Algeria. This may be the only conflict in history where

hairdressers are in a special risk category because they make women more attractive Teachers risk their lives teaching "un-Islamic" sub-jects such as music or French. Midwives, female doctors who treat male patients (and male doctors who treat

women), girls and young

women who attend school or wear skirts or try to have careers may pay with their As many as 50,000 people may have died in the civil war since January 1992, when the army-dominated government cancelled elections that

the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) was on its way to winning.

Many Algerians are sceptical that the hands of their government, which preaches tolerance and openness, are much cleaner than those of its Islamic fundamentalist enemy. Relicum Larbes, a nurse whose reporter husband was killed two years ago, suspects that his death, and many other violent acts

blamed on the Islamists, are the work of police hit squads. "Everyone talks of fundamentalist terrorism," she said. "But who talks of state

errorism? Indeed, a study by the French defence ministry's delegation for strategic affairs concludes: "The strategy of counter-guerrilla warfare utilised by the armed forces is the fairly simple technique of terrorising the population." The army and other areas

of the establishment known here as "the power" — have dominated Algeria since independence from France in

years," the former French guage newspapers, goes to the president, Valery Giscard hairdresser or Turkish bath. d'Estaing, has written. Whether it is military officers or civilians who are at ema, wears shorts, performs the top, in reality it is the military service, has a friend same clan, born of the in the police or even sing-National Liberation Front (FLN) and moulded by the au- have been branded un-Isthoritarian Marxist doctrine lamic. - Los Angeles Times.

back more than a decade, to | Monde said yesterday.

| when Algeria's Islamic move ment emerged as the pre-ferred vehicle for discontent with the one-party state and its inability to deal with prob-lems such as rising unemployment and a young, fast-

growing population.
Islamic firebrands promoted ideals of brotherhood, justice, Muslim morality in public life and jobs and housmg for all: a fresh wind in a

stagnating society. In 1990, the first multi-party elections since independence were held. The FIS won 4.3 million votes to the FLN's 2.2 million in the contest for local councils and took command of almost all the big

towns. Proclaiming its municipal ities "Islamic communes" the FIS began to implement its vision of a Muslim society. Women were banned from public places such as cultural centres and beaches; buses were segregated by gender. In schools, sport and technical education for women were abolished.

The armed Islamic group GIA warned women that unless they appeared veiled in

Two students were killed by motorbike gunmen as they stood, unveiled, waiting for a bus

public they would be considered military targets. Two students, aged 17 and 18, were killed by gunmen on a motor bike as they stood, unveiled. waiting for a bus.

But modesty wasn't all the insurgents demanded. Rebels began forcing girls and young women to "marry" them temporarily, a privilege they claim as mojahedin, or Islamic holy warriors.

Refusal may mean abduction, and worse, in the Blids. region, the bodies of two sisters, aged 15 and 21, were found at the side of a road. They had reportedly been gang-raped and decapitated after apparently refusing to

consent to such a "marriage". Despite claims that the menace is gradually abating, it is "Algeria has been governed by the same group for 34 years," the former French guage newspapers, goes to the listens to the radio or music, drinks alcohol, goes to the cins.All, at one time or another for France is cutting financial aid to Algeria by half to The roots of the civil war go Fr3 billion (£387 million), Le

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Irrelevant and unpopular

Major's education reforms ignore urgent needs

clearer or more succinct: her party is politically exposed; Labour has a huge lead in the opinion polls on education policies; improving standards is far more crucial than the structure of the secondary system; and yet the Government remains obsessed with the metallic and adventure of the secondary system; and yet the Government remains obsessed with the metallic and adventure of the secondary system; and yet the Government of the secondary system; and yet the sec chanics of delivering education. The only problem with her thoughts is that they were set out in a confidential memorandum to a cabinet strategy meeting at Chequers. Since they were written nine months ago, the Prime Minister has over-ridden her objections and decided that more selection and generating more grammar schools is the right route to recouping public popularity. Hence, even though her memorandum was leaked last September, Mrs Shephard yesterday had to defend a white paper packed with mechanistic ideas which she had earlier dismissed. One paragraph of her old memorandum, in which she attacked Old Labour's confusion, had a particularly ironic ring: "They want to return to old ways . . .

Perhaps someone should be blunter with the Prime Minister. In the first interview she has granted, his sister this week revealed he had blocked out many memories of his own grammar school days. Well John, in your day grammar schools were extremely unfair. They branded three out of four pupils who failed to gain a place as "failures" and spent almost twice as much per pupil as secondary moderns. pared to Britain's 25 per cent. What is A system which purported to aim for needed is self-selection, deferred until "parity of esteem" did nothing of the sort. Indeed, researchers have shown that the hidden agenda of the officials at the launch was to ensure the school system continued to decant large numbers of children without qualifications. Who else would labour in the fields or dig coal? This was bad enough in an era leave three out of four people unhappy when only five per cent went on to are inevitably highly unpopular.

GILLIAN Shephard could not have been clearer or more succinct: her party is politically exposed; Labour has a huge into higher education. How are we

to produce a new grammar school in every town or vastly increase selection in schools. There is no money for a vast swathe of new schools. Opted-out schools will be able to select up to 50 per cent of their pupils by ability but, as only 41 out of 1,034 grant-maintained schools have opted to select even 10 per cent of their intake (the current ceiling), fears that giving them the right will mean they will exercise it seem unfounded. What should make the electorate angry is the way ministers are ignoring the most urgent educational needs: the 20 per cent of 16-year-olds who fail to achieve qualifications in English or maths; or the 80 per cent of children of unskilled workers who still leave school at 16. The whole emphasis on more selection (up to 20 per cent in local education authority schools and 30 per cent in technology colleges) does not begin to address these problems. Britain's biggest education problem remains the average and below average child. Our average 14-year-olds are one year behind their German contempo-raries at maths but the bottom 40 per cent are two years behind. Many continental countries have 60 per cent with intermediate level qualifications com-14, when children are more aware of their interests. Then, like their continental contemporaries, they should have the choice of high quality vocational or academic education, each with access to higher education. Mr Major ignores an important sum: plans which

A hard case that makes bad law

Changes to the Defamation Bill must be reviewed in the Lords

THE GOVERNMENT'S Defamation Bill is a generally sensitive attempt to impose practical rules upon the difficult relationship between the media and those who allege they have been defamed by them. Some of its clumsier proposals have been constructively amended by peers and MPs as the bill has made its way through Parliament. But the bill has now been seriously deformed by the late addition of a backbench clause which raises issues of parliamentary privilege which go much further than the draftsmen can ever

As the respondent in a case brought by Neil Hamilton MP which is potentially affected by it, this newspaper must admit to a special interest in the new clause, which was introduced by Lord Hoffmann in the Lords on May 7 and approved by a majority of 264-201 votes in the Commons on Monday night. Nevertheless, the Hoffmann clause is of much more than parochial importance. Its broad effect is to redefine in very uncertain terms the relationship between the courts and parliament in defamation cases affectduties. Until now, this whole subject has been covered by the Bill of Rights of 1689, which says that "freedom of speech and debates or proceedings in Parliament ought not to be impeached or questioned in any Court or place out

was to protect MPs from the risk of ered proposal.

oppressive action on account of things which they did or (in particular) said as parliamentarians. Parliamentary privilege is no longer politically controversial in the sense that it was. But it remains an important constitutional principle, providing a continuing bulwark for the independence of the Houses of Parliament. Times may have changed, but such ancient laws which have stood the test of turbulent times should only be amended as part of a comprehensive, non-partisan review. Change should be justified because,

way that Parliament is now doing goes against all these wise principles. The Hoffmann clause was produced at a late stage of the bill's proceedings in the Lords. It was endorsed this week in highly confusing procedural circumstances. It is not part of a more general review and is arguably motivated by a particular set of partisan concerns. It devolves the control over parliamentary privilege to individual MPs rather than retaining control with the House ing MPs and discharge of their public as a whole. It leaves many practical questions unanswered, notably the problem of inconsistency between coplaintiffs. It is the embodiment of the axiom that hard cases make bad law and it should be reconsidered in the House of Lords, so that a committee of both Houses can reflect more carefully The historic importance of this clause on all the implications of this ill-consid-

Football as it should be played

Tonight's game offers an escape from a tabloid agenda

TONIGHT England and Germany meet | remove the scourge of racism that used at Wembley for a football match but to infect so many terraces. also, for good or ill, a contest of national pride. There is nothing wrong with that. Bonding and shared national experiences are the prized expressions of nationhood. It is only when national pride descends into mindless xenophobia — as in the Daily Mirror's shameful re-run of the second world war in its pages this week - that the enriching aims of the event become devalued and we all lose something of ourselves. Fortunately, the Mirror wantonly misread the national mood, as witness the tidal wave of criticism it ran into. Yesterday, Terry Venables spoke for England when he described the tabloid insults as "despicable" and called for the German national anthem to be respected. The Mirror may have gone down market but football has mean-

This cleansing spirit has helped to uplift the atmosphere at Wembley where the organisers have so far sublimated the passions of the fans into singing songs amid regular screen reminders to respect the opponents. There have, inevitably, been incidents off the field but, so far, the European Championship has been a celebration of football among an extended, and recently enlarged, European family. It is always possible that an unexpected tinder - like a disputed refereeing decision at a crucial moment tonight could spark off disturbances which careful planning by the authorities have done so much to banish. But the championship may also mark an historic escape from a wretched, confected, tabloid agenda and a warming sign while been moving onto a higher plane that, win or loose. England has in some thanks to a concerted effort by clubs to way grown up as a nation.

taken as a whole, it is in the interests of To legislate on such matters in the

(Rev) Stephen Heap. Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London WC2H 8EL.

tabloid press. It is not just fun. It has created a climate in which the Government can hope to starve out asylum-

eight-year-old in the autumn of 1945, I can remember col lecting money to avoid fam-ine in Germany. If I look for those values today it is in Germany rather than in Britain that I find them. Another 10 years like this and I might have to consider applying for asylum there. Lord Russell.

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Letters to the Editor

HERE is not a "bogus" argument left which has not been employed by this malicious government in its dealing with asylum-seekers.
Peter Lilley's insistence on
rushing through emergency
asylum legislation (Lilley
evades asylum ruling, June
25) demonstrates the Govern-

ment's willingness to turn natural justice on its head. In the case against Lilley over the withdrawal of benefits for most asylum-seekers, even the dissenting judge in the Court of Appeal, Lord Jus-tice Neill, accepted that "the regulations will also have a very serious effect on a con-siderable number of genuine asylum-seekers".

Last year, the government-appointed Social Security Ad-visory Committee (SSAC) examined the proposed changes to the social security regula-tions after they were an-nounced at the last Conservative Party conference by Peter Lilley. SSAC received representations from Amnesty International, the UN-High Commissioner for Refugees and about 200 other bodies. The SSAC report ac-cepted that "by penalising all but a minority of asylumseekers, without regard to the strength or validity of their claim", the draft regulations were "arbitrary and unjust" and recommended that they should be abandoned. The Government ignored the ecommendations

As Lord Justice Simon Brown said in the Court of Appeal, "a significant number of genuine asylum-seekers now find themselves faced with a bleak choice: whether to remain here destitute and s until their claims are finally determined or whether instead to abandon their claims and return to face the very persecution they have

As an alternative to introducing ever more draconian measures to deter asylumseekers, the Government should focus on the excessive delays, gross inefficiency and Home Office under-resourcing. Jan Shaw. Refugee Officer,

Amnesty International. 99-119 Rosebery Avenue.

PETER Lilley's response to the Court of Appeal judgment is to use the power of the executive to overturn the ruling of the court. Effective and sustainable government depends upon the checks and balances within our constitutional arrangements being honoured by all parties. I do not believe Mr Lilley is hon-ouring the work of the Appeal Court in this matter and therefore find his response sive of democracy. 235 Shaftesbury Avenue.

MATTHEW Engel (A corrupt and demented newspaper, June 25) is quite right about the xenophobes of the seekers just because they do

seekers just because they do
not belong to what Lady
Blatch quaintly calls "our established people".
If we must remember the
second world war, let us
remember the values for
which we fought if. As an

Sorry Mr Lilley, the answer is no Don't be beastly to the Germans

O THE tabloids not realise that attacks such as that in Monday's Daily Mirror are more

There is a popular myth on the continent that all Englishmen are gay. How would the tabloid press and England supporters react to a German passenger pasting German newspaper pasting Gazza's head on a photograph of s suspenders on the front page, with the headline, Come and

get it boys (in German)?
This publicity will have added 10 per cent to the depleted German team's performance and I just hope that genuine heroes, such as Stu-art Pearce and David Seaman, can find enough reserves to overcome the additional pre-sure that has been placed upon them. If they do not, I know who I will be blaming. Ceintmirbaan 43/2 1072 ET Amsterdam

As A British citizen resi-dent in Germany for five years, and quite used to German incomprehension as to British concerns on the future of the European Union. it is increasingly clear to me that German opinion links the mindless stupidity of the British tabloids, or football hooligans, and British opposition to European federalism in one package. Similarly, English people tend to equate Scottish demands for greater independence with Scots eu-phoria when England loses a football match. It is a pity when sensible discussion is made impossible by tabloid

Robert Chambers. Borsigallee 16. D-60388 Frankfurt/M.

uates a myth concerning the 1992 election campaign, that "tobacco companies donated [advertising] sites free to the Conservative Party". We made some sites available to the Conservative Party on a commercial basis. The party paid fully for the sites as would any other advertiser. P A Sadler.

YOUR correspondent BE Cakley (Letters, June 24) is wrong in asserting that Relate "requests a fee" from the people who ask for our services. As a charitable agency, we ask clients to make a payment that is within their financial capabilities. No per-son is ever turned away on the basis of their inability to contribute. The letter is also inaccurate in believing that Relate operates a 20-minute first in-terview. Many centres offer a first meeting that lasts at least half an hour, and most offer an interview that is longer. Relate spokesperson. Herbert Gray College.

Little Church Street Rugby CV21 3AP.

HIS distasteful phenome-non is not confined to reporting of football. There is day's Daily Mirror are more likely to units the German players than demoralise them? Witness the England performances of late, following the barracking the team has received from certain quarters of the British media.

In presence without its written on matters of national importance concerning the EU on financial, political or policy matters it runs counter to the team has received from certain quarters of the British media. no pretence of balance in much of what is written on the standing of this nation's institutions in the eyes of the

international community.

Ask any angiophile what he/she admires about the British love of fair play, honesty, tolerance, love of learning. How hollow this will seem to any foreigner reading. seem to any foreigner reading our tabloid press. Alan M Smith. 1 Earl Road, Stockport SK4 4JS.

THE Pootball Supporters' Association, formed in 1985 after the events of Heysel, has worked tirelessly towards the aim of friendship through football, and in the fight against racism and booliganism in the game. We have successfully run "foot-ball embassies" in each of the host cities of Euro 96. The type of reporting seen this reek could, in one headline. destroy the work of 11 years, were it not for the fact that

ensationalism. Barbara A Biggs. National Secretary, Football Supporters' Association.

the majority of football sup-

porters deplore mindless

enough for him to call for a Wrexham LL14 3HD. helmet. A couple of balls later T'S THE CRICKET TEST: AMATTER OF WHICH FOOTBALL TEAM AN EDITOR SUPPORTS BRAIN SCANNER

ON Sunday I attended a particular of the Protz and promptly lost his off clan. We are descended from stump. He took no further

Johann Vincenz Protz, who came to England from the Black Forest in 1856 and settled in east London to work as a cabinet maker. In the first world war a branch of the family anglicised the spelling of the name to Protts as a result of the jingoism that led to shopkeepers with German-sounding names having their premises wrecked and dachsund dogs being

hanged from lampposts.
Little did we realise that the following morning the tabloid press would be filled with the same kind of racist taunts that filled the Protzes with fear more than 80 years ago, because England and Germany are playing football

139 Charmouth Road, St Albans AL1 4SG.

MAY be able to offer an explanation as to Piers Morgan's behaviour.

Last Sunday, our cricket team, the London Unity, played Newick CC, and a certain P Pugh-Morgan (sic) batattack was the best form of it and he managed to top-edge his head which, though it did not break the skin, was

38 Bran, Acrefair,



stump. He took no further part in the match (which we won by 5 wickets). view of Euro 96 has been affected by this blow. M Allen. 30 Florence Road.

PERHAPS the organisers of Euro 96 could with-draw from those newspapers responsible for the xenophobic nonsense of recent days the facilities normally given to the press. I am sure that the affected journalists would be happy to accept public tickets offered to them by the German FA. An opportunity to get closer to the story is, after all, the dream of every

good journalist. Nigel Williams. 12 Johnson Mansions, Queen's Club Gardens, London W149SJ.

PICHARD Williams lays into the tabloids for all the Spanish jokes (Spain have a beef with the tabloids' beasts and butchers, June 22). ted number three. Looking if he wants to see more of this rather uncomfortable against stuff, he should read David the sustained onslaught of Lacey over the page (Vena-our bowlers, he decided that bles stokes the home fires). "Spain failed to stop an defence. Unfortunately, his English game of bowls technique was not quite up to This is not Fawlty Towers the Spanish may not be as a short ball on to the side of overtly cynical as the

Argentinians".
The Guardian should look to its own backyard. Kirk Williams.

14 Guntersburgallee, 60316 Frankfurt, Germany.

S the Matthew Engel who today (June 25) writes so cogently about the appalling renophobia of the Mirror the same Matthew Engel who last week (June 17) referred to the Welsh national anthem as "gibberish" and Wales as "a cowed country' Annabelle Harle. 4 Ovington Terrace. Cardiff CF5 1GF.

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YOUR article (Adland smokescreen, June 24) per-

General Manager, External Affairs, Imperial Tobacco Ltd. PO Box 525, Southville, Bristol BS99 1LQ.

R KIM Howells described the Government's propos-als to privatise the direct-mail service of the Post Office as "absolutely outrageous" (June 25). Is it not heeding his demand in the New Statesman (June 7): "Brothers and sisters, embrace competition"? Michael Morrison 127 Tollington Way, London N7 6RD.

AM impelled to write to express my deep concern at the rumours of the threatened closure of the BBC's World Service drama department.
My radio play, Passionate
Playing, is due to be broadcast on June 30 to coincide with the Euro 96 Cup Final. Another play of mine, Rukuli-bain, has just won an award in New York. What do these plays have in common? Both were commissioned by World Service Radio Drama, a department in which the professional commitment to artistic

excellence is ingrained. cuts are to be made, drama instantly targeted? Radio plays are unique and they are relatively cheap to make. Helen Kluger, 63 Holland Park Mews, London W11 3SS.

MATTHEW Engel claims (Waves of unrest, June 20) that the World Service has ever been impartial. Not quite. In the early days of the ranian revolution, it made a habit of announcing the time and place of upcoming demonstrations. Enough said. K Soheil. 5-48 Frognal, London NW3 6AG.

There is a national 24hour postal strike from noon tomorrow. But we are confident that our readers will use technology and ingentify to com-To avoid delays, please use our fax number (0171 837 4530), or the letterspage e-mail address: letters:: guardian.co.uk

Price is right | More Bush war | Jennings comes up trumps

WAS intrigued by Small his chances of winning one weed's theory (Outlook, prize or the other or both June 22) that there might have been some villainy involving Venables's entry in Jennings and Darbishire's poetry/ handwriting competition.

In submitting a poem by Tennyson as a sample of his best handwriting, Venables was obeying the letter of the law, that was his story and he stuck to it. The only query is whether Venables was wily enough to bend the rules of the competition to improve Lewes, Sussex BN8 5BL.

prize or the other — or both. I don't think we shall ever know the truth. When writing this episode in Jennings And Darbishire, I didn't think of this additional this additional ploy to confuse the plot still further. Indeed, I was more concerned with wondering how to extricate Jennings and Darbishire from the entanglement they had got

A Country Diary

strawberries in white plastic punnets and bunches of pinks tempt passers-by to the road-side stall overlooking the tidal river. Polythene tunnel ends are fully open on this hot afternoon revealing scarlet flowers on runner beans, clowers on runner beans, clove-scented pinks and leafy strawberry plants, picked in late April and May. Cloches also ensured a May crop of fruit but extremely steep, sunwarmed slopes, which once produced huge quantities of early strawberries, have reverted to woodland. The few remaining market-gardens remaining market-gardens now rely on plastic and glass to produce fruit early enough to compete with the influx of Spenish strawberries. A boom in strawberry growing began towards the end of the last century when growers sent fruit up-country by rail. This followed James Lawry's visit to the followed James Lawry's visit to the Crystal Palace Exhibi-tion in June 1883. He was amazed to find no straw-

berries on sale in Covent Gar-

TAMAR VALLEY: Glossy | den as, back home in Boetheric, his crop was almost fin-ished. He visited Glasgow and earnt how to make whitelearnt how to make white-wood punnets for packing the fragile fruit and, within a few years, Tamar strawberries were established in London and Midland markets, selling for 2s 6d per lb compared with for as on per in compared with 6d a pound locally. South-fac-ing oak woodland was clear-felled and when natural ferti-ity became exhausted "dock dung", sweepings from Plym-outh streets was brought in outh streets, was brought upriver by barges and spread on the land. Methods to counter-act soil creep included winches and scoops for dragging earth uphill and diagonal cultivations. Fruit was picked into locally-made round punnets and on June evenings the air was filled with the scent of strawberries, loaded in boxes onto horse drawn wagons converging on Cotchele quay to be ferried across to Devon for the next stage to Bere Alston railway station.

VIRGINIA SPIERS



NLY hours before the halloon goes up, the Column That Sup-ports Our Boys has obtained a document of potentially a document or potentially unimaginable import. The Vogts Diaries, which were discovered only yesterday in the dungeon of a spooky Bavarian castle, purport to be the secret thoughts of morose German coach Ber tie Vogts in recent weeks. Early entries — written in a sinister Gothic hand -

show signs of paranola
("June 9: Zey keep zaying
zat I — alone of all German
coaches — have von nuesink. Schvein! Schvein!"); however, a note of calm later appears. "June 22: Ze lads done vell first half, ven ze Croats come at us early doors." The final entry. dated yesterday, betrays a confidence bordering on arrogance. "Ze only team zat vorries me is ze French, who believe zey have an ex-cellent defence," it reads. Mind you, zey thought that in 1940. Ha ha. No, just my little joke!" Naturally, ques-tions marks are raised (why, for example, does ogts write as though applying to be a sciptwriter on Allo Allo?). However, Daily Mail editor Paul Dacre, a leading expert on every-thing, is categorical. "There can be no possible doubt about their authenticity," said the former Paul Trevor-Roper yesterday.

T the Daily Mirror, meanwhile, excitable Addition Piers "Guten"
Morgan is in disgrace (with hindsight, he must accept that the planned mustardgas attack on Hamburg was a step too far). How lucky, at such a time, to have the calming intelligence of his deputy Brendon Parsons close at hand. Just before Germany's quarter final on Sunday, Mr Parsons was on the back bench: "Find out how many Serbs there are in the Croatian team," he screamed, "and if the Croatlans ever pass to them."

UT enough of football. Elsewhere, sane and rational Paul Johnson's number-one oracular ranking is threatened. The challenger is Martin Amis, the first of whose series of Wimbledon articles appeared in the London Eve-ning Standard on Monday. Mr Amis singled out three Americans as potential . champions — Michael -Chang (lost on Monday in four sets), Jim Courier (lost Andre Agassi (lost on Monday in four sets). Tin hats

IGHT then, back to the football. I am shocked to learn that David Irving, the historian who will sue if described as a Hitler apologist, has gone Awol. "I can tell you now, he won't be watching Wednesday's match," said a nice woman at his Mayfair Cat, adding that he has fled to Florida. "He hates the football, and I don't know who he'd prefer to win, I'm afraid." On his return. Mr Irving will immediately be interned on the Isle of Man.

But why on earth become obsessed with football, when we have the chance to celebrate a new Policy Statement on long-term environmental concerns and cutting waste from Westminster Council? The document is 371 pages long, and is printed on non-

es up to

INALLY, then, we return to the football, and to an inspirational instance of the bulldog spirit at its insocciant best. In Biggles Defies The Swastika, squadron leader James Bigglesworth has infiltrated the Gestapo in Norway. However, while in the air, a certain Schaller tumbles his identity, and the two come to blows ("if there is one thing a man cannot do," writes Captain Johns, sagely, 'It is fly an aero-plane and fight at the same time"). Pandemonium ensues until, with immense élan, Biggles persuades Schaffer to postpone the fight, and prepares to land on the sea despite a burst of anti-aircraft fire. " You English bring your nerve with you,' Schaffer conceded. No use leaving it at home,' returned Biggles lightly." Well said, sir. No use leaving it in the dressing room, either. Gentlemer your country expects.



Continuing scandal of the food we eat

Commentary **Catherine**

Bennett

OU cannot play games with people's health, Jacques Santer warned Britain last week. Most of Europe seems to agree with him. Half of Germany will not eat beef from anywhere; French farmers are still rampaging about, in protest at a drastic fail in domestic beef consumption.

And here? In Britain, we led. it must taped that britain apathy about food would protest at a drastic fail in domestic beef consumption.

Overall, beef consumption are meant to have stronger tually share the German fear of what we might have eaten and disgust for those who pro-

that French farmers are right to be outraged by the export of banned feed, are expected, instead, to side with the guilty farmers and exporters, and approve what appears to be the end of beef hostilities. From the Government, there is still neither shame nor It is almost as if the BSE

announcement and ensuing scare in March had never

ment of hysteria. John Major has just described as "non-sense" a convincing Panorama exposé of a decade of Maff's dilatoriness, guile and bombast. Maff refused to answer for its actions on that programme, yet no assault followed in the press, or from the opposition. On the con-trary, Tony Blair was reported at the weekend

reported at the weekend cracking "woof woof" jokes about beef-eating. In Britain, it appears, Maff will happily play games with people's health, and — better still — neither the people nor their representatives will protest. Only the farmers are to be pitied. If Maff hoped that British is back at around 85 per cent stomachs. Those of us who ac- of the level before the BSE announcement. Put calves in lorries, and angry calf-lovers will shrick at every port; put potentially infected meat in ples, and the public will shud-der for a while, then start eating ples again. No incensed matrons will wave banners outside Maff's headquarters, or hurl themselves against the car bearing Stephen "no conceivable risk" Dorrell to the Department of Health. Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of the British beef scare, is how quickly it has

become unscary. Although the Government regularly be-

rated the media for spreading

hysteria, it was a matter of weeks before fearful headlines gave way to pitiful an nouncements about the cattle cull, "It's Mass Moo-der", and then, inexorably, to attacks on foreigners: "Germans Sabotage our Hopes for Beef". This campaign could hardly British public had cared deeply about the dangers, real or imagined, of BSE. But pub-lic confidence, at first said to

be so comprehensively dashed, was rapidly restored. At Sainsbury's sales fell sig-nificantly. "Then," says a spokeswoman, "we had a four-day, half-price sale, and most of our stores sold out. Since then, they've been gen-erally creeping back up." Sur-veys may suggest a wide-spread lack of confidence, but hopping habits reveal blank indifference. "With some notable excentions, British consumers are

more concerned about price than quality," says Francis Blake of the Soil Association. Whereas the French and Germans and other European countries are more concerned about quality." But he still professes surprise that the public's appetite could be so quickly restored. "After a scare lasting three months, it's still not having the dramatic impact that it has else-

This is possibly because British supermarkets are stacked with soothing leaf-

mission, and a government trial investigating this possi-bility will not be completed until November.

If, as everyone hopes, British beef is eventally con-firmed to be safe, the way we have responded to the scare remains an alarming illustra-tion of our debased eating habits. It shows that the oft-announced food revolution has yet to touch most of the population, who remain addicted to cheap food, at whatever cost to livestock, the en-vironment and their own health. As Joanna Blythman says, in her splendid book The Food We Eat, "the conse-

"Loyalty cards", rather than food quality, are now the favoured marketing tool of rival supermarkets

fair with cheap food can be seen all around us, in items like spindly, tasteless chick-ens, bland Golden Delicious apples, watery tomatoes and breads of such staggering uniformity of character that they are hardly worth eating." Not to mention crippled turkeys and battery eggs which now contain more salmonella than they did in the days of Ed-

British indifference to food quality is usually attributed

rood, a hook which recurs centuries of food adulteration. "Its reputation appears to have declined during the 19th century, probably because when we acquired from the Continent the knowledge to grow garden vegetables we did not trouble to learn how to learn to cook them propto learn to cook them prop-erly. It is one of the major tragedies of English domestic life."

Today, that domestic trag-edy has its wider conse-quences, including hideous conditions for farm animals and poultry, and a generation of food retailers who compete on price before everything. "Loyalty cards", rather than food quality, are now the farmanimal materials and the farmanimal materials. voured marketing tool of rival supermarkets; before long, it is predicted, they will be competing with banks, as they already compete with dry cleaners, chemists and

In the absence of any pow-erful food consumers' body, we are left in the hands of Maff, which as everyone knows, exists to protect the food industry, not food consumers. As the BSE scare proved, and a recent Consumers' Association paper pointed out, Maff actually works to keep consumers in ignorance. Earlier this year it congratulated itself on remov ing "unjustified food labelling rules", in particular on having "done away with rules for fish cakes altogether". But then the British don't want to know what they themselves are eating, do they? So who can expect them to care about

lets, reassuring buyers that they should have no fear—their packages of beef only originate from animals under 30 months old. But this is hardly a generous gesture, being enforced by law, and neither is it wholly reassuring. Scientists still do not know whether BSE could be passed on by maternal transmission, and a government of the should be passed on by maternal transmission, and a government of the should be passed on by maternal transmission. The Englishman's Food, a book which records centuries of food adulterations, but the decline in taste probably started far earlier. "English domestic cooking has never stood in high repute," wrote JC Drummond, in The Englishman's Food, a book which records centuries of food adulterations, but the decline in taste probably started far earlier. "English domestic cooking has never stood in high repute," wrote JC Drummond, in The Englishman's Food, a book which records centuries of food adulterations, but the decline in taste probably started far earlier. "English domestic cooking has never stood in high repute," wrote JC Drummond, in The Englishman's Food, a book which records centuries of food adulterations.



Beatrix Campbell

AY "wireless" and your Senemies and your ju-niors will know you're a Radio 4 freak. They'll know that you're a person of a cer-tain age, a certain respectability, a certain sort of citizenship. You are what wavelength you're on. Which means, of course, that Radio 4 listeners are — or were — believed to be emblematically English, folks whose listening habits went with gardening, sport, reading, evening classes and holidays as composites of the national character.

But it isn't the same template of xenophobic Englishness once sponsored by Mary Whitehouse and her National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, or even footie nationalism. Its audience is more heterogenous than that — it may read Gay Times as well as the Radio Times, wear permanent pleats or 501s, go to evening classes, Texas Line Dancing and the opera. It likes Indian food and it worries about the world. Some Radio 4 freaks even watch Blind Date and their children have

and their children have sighted Topless Darts. We will be hearing more from the listeners' lobbies as radio faces further Birtist reforms. Who knows how their members vote? But still, they're conservative. The great revolts which have recently shaken programme planners have been about the defence of schedules and serdemoce of schedules and services, programmes or presenters. They claim to have dispatched a couple of "foreigners" imported into Radio 4 and Radio 3 — Gerry Anderson (from Northern Ire-

(from across the Atlantic). But the current movements among listeners do not resonate with the xenophobia that made Mary Whitehouse a household name and England fans a riotous assembly. One of the most vigorous move-ments was the 1991 campaign to save the name and scheduling of Woman's Hour. When the BBC proposed changes

land) and Paul Gambaccini

there was outrage. And when the early-morning farming programme was abolished in Scotland there was a formidable campaign orchestrated by Scotland's Rural Forum and the National Farmers Union and supported not only by farmers and land-

It was in radio that the constitutive elements of broad-casting were put together. It is associated with standards in a way that television isn't." Like Hall, the playwright David Edgar is a devout lisener. His remarkable play Pentecost went out on Radio 3 on Sunday. He sees — or hears — Radio 4 as being rather like "visitor to your house and we require of it a certain politeness. What you want is rules, routine, familiarity and a cycle you can recognise." Television viewers surf channels. Radio listeners expect a daily season and style, they tune in and stay put. "Radio audiences acquire audiences who then have their expectations violated," says David Gauntlett, of the Institute of Communications Studies at Leeds University. Jocelyn Hay, the spokesperson for the Voice of the Listener and Viewer, insists "we are not elitist", that the campaign is defending "constructive, thoughful, crafted pro-grammes. We are not the moral guardians of broadcasting. But we are very con-cerned about the future of radio", particularly the proposed merging of radio and television production.

Stuart Hall reckons that Radio 4 is a relic of a Reithian spirit.

High-quality programming is their brief, not, they say, taste and decency. The distinction is crucial. Whitehouse attached herself to broadcasting both to attack it and to concentrate her campaign against the drift of Britain and its "high" and "low" cultures. Hay, by contrast, is defending top-gear radio as an expres-sion of England. Her group is part of a loose coalition that is also defending radio and the structure of the BBC from the scythe of Birtism - from the World Service to public ownership of the transmitters and the vigour of public-ser-vice broadcasting.

and its director-general who are provoking new politics of listenership, extending to the Consumers Association and the National Consumer Council. "We're worried that as commercial activity becomes more signifi-cant the BBC will run down the public activities," says the Consumers' Association. This coalition is not satisfied with the regulation of the BBC by the great and the good. Nor is as the only codification of listeners' wishes, constituting listeners as a kind of high-tea This coalition wants to bring together the Broadcast-

ing Standards Council and the Complaints Commission into a bigger, better body with a not only by farmers and land-lords but also by country people and even city-dwellers for whom the programme con-nected them to their roots. Like Woman's Hour, the farm-ing programme was part of the ecology of everyday life.

Onen Thispresity professor ganic connection to its constit-uency — the listeners. Liber-ated from the constraints of Open University professor more like the nation.

Our existing written constitution works perfectly well, argues **John Redwood**: what we need is less government, fewer quangos and more power to the people

The crowning glory

T IS fashionable to de- | Ombudsman's enquiry. This cry Britain and the British constitution. Indeed, the public sport of knocking it all has led to a new consensus: that Britain does not have a written constitution. It is this apparent lack which the left and New Labour have seized upon, ar-guing that if we only had a written constitution like Germany we would be a freer, happier and more prosperous people. It has become the vogue to demand Bills of Rights, to seek to encode civil liberties, to incorporate whole European and international treaties into a nev It is not just a case of the settlement. This would all be combined with new regional assemblies or parliaments, a

further transfer of powers to Brussels and Frankfurt, the establishment of more quangos and the passage of more laws. The truth about Britain, her liberties and her constitu-tion is more complex. The British constitution has evolved over many centuries. The struggles and arguments have been recorded in many documents, which have be-come part of our written constitution. Magna Carta, the Statute of Appeals, the Act of Settlement, the Act of Union, the Great Reform Act, local government legislation, the European Communities Act: these and many more are con-stitutional Acts. They dealt with the problems of their day: curbing the power of the monarch, breaking from Rome, uniting the kingdoms, extending the franchise, de-

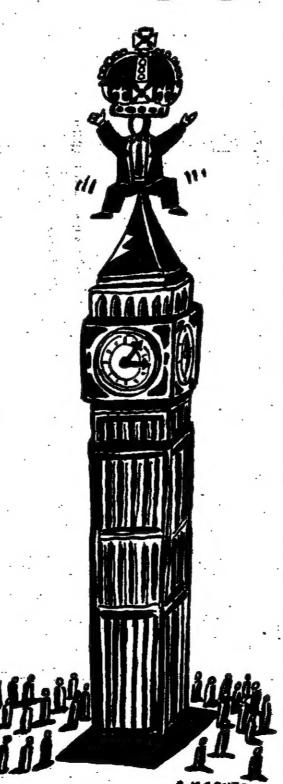
volving power to localities and reaching agreement with the continent. There are many words spread over many sheets of veltum and paper.
Critics forget that many fundamental freedoms — what now would be called civil liberties — were first fashioned here on British soil. Habeas corpus, the right to trial by jury, and the sepa-ration of powers, splitting leg-islature from judiciary, were ploneered in Britain. Englishmen were proud of their free doms. Honest administration ailied to strong local and municipal government also developed early. In recent years

grafts a continental approach to sorting out problems with bureaucracy on to our system of redress through MPs answerable to their constituen-cies. If anything a free press, an important cornerstone of those same liberties, has be-come freer and more intrusive in the daily lives of those in power in recent years. So how is it, with so much written down, and with an ever vigilant press and Parlia-ment that the Opposition can wrong with our settled constitution?

Opposition's failure to win a majority in the House of Commons, although that is part of the reason why they are un-happy with the system. There our liberties in the post-war period. Since the outbreak of the second world war there has been a continuous growth in the size and reach of government itself. Many of us who never thought we would be criminals now find we can break the law by travelling at 50mph on the M25, by failing to secure a seat belt in the rear of a car, or soon by selling someone a pound of grammes. Government has limited our freedoms by passing more and more laws and has taken more and more of our earnings.

E need to reduce the stranglehold of centralisation. . I welcome new powers for school governors. to control and run their schools. I want the health reforms to succeed, where they give to each surgery, and hospital, authority over their own affairs. The sale of council houses gave tenants power. The sale of national-ised industries to their employees gave power to the lorry drivers of National Freight and the miners of Tower Colliery. More needs to be done to give the users of our free health and education

services real choice. The biggest disappointm in recent years has been the attitude of local government. individuals have come to enjoy the right to challenge public administration through an ing, that's one tenth of total



national income. They can do a lot of good — or harm — with that much money. Of course once a year at Budget time you would expect an argument about how much money should be granted from the centre and how much should be raised lo-cally; but not that same debate over the whole year.

HE reluctance to

lead is everywhere visible in Labour government. Recently some of my constitu-ents felt that the film Kids should be banned from screens in our area. Local government has been given the power to decide. I sent the problem to them and asked them to use their discretion. I did not say whether the film should be banned or not, as it is their duty and not mine. I wanted them either to say clearly that they wanted no more censorship, or to say they would watch the film and see if it was unacceptable. Instead the County Council met and decided to hand the powers back to the Districts. They were too afraid to express a view.

The new agenda of regional assemblies and parliaments,

far from helping to govern Britain better, would exacer-bate these trends. Local govtreatment would be margina-lised more. Decisions currently taken locally would be taken or influenced regionbe taken or mittenced region-ally. Individuals and families would face a further exosion of their liberties, six yet more law, regulation and public Labour's answer to most things is a new quango: everything from regional development to food safety. Putting these new monsters under a regional parliament would not suddenly solve the problems of quango account-ability. It would be no easier for a regional assembly to control them than it has proved for Parliament or

local government.

Britain's settled constitution is written down and it
does defend many liberties.

Rather than a new Bill of
Rights, we need a self-denying
ordinance from national politicians, not to carry on spend-ing and legislating away our

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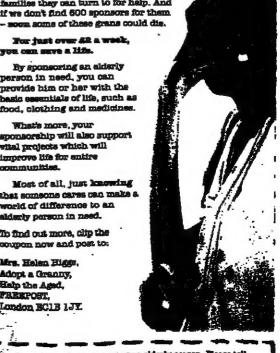
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find th	e jury n	ot guilty
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George Staple, head of the Serious Fraud Office, this week questioned the jury's role in fraud cases. **Kevin Maxwell** disagrees

for a review or role of the jury in fraud serious and complex fraud is one of guilty. rases is a cause for grave concern for all those intersted in the preservation of the common law and justice. His questioning of the comprehension of a jury the jury's attentiveness. and their ability to deliver a reliable verdict is a clear tions — many dealing with

FORGE Staple's call gests that the only accept-for a review of the able verdict to Mr Staple in his capacity as a prosecutor

. He ignores the experience which lasted 131 court days. indication of his bias. It sug- issues of complexity. These

attention and grasp of de-tail. Ultimately the jury were invited by Lord Justice Phillips in his summing up to determine the question of my honesty. As the judge said, he doubted whether any jury had had a better opportunity to determine that question, having heard evidence from me of the recent Maxwell trial over 21 days. I would rather rely on the independent Anyone stiting in court judgment of 12 individuals throughout can testify to than professional assessors who would inevitably be involved in conflicts of interest. In the Maxwell trial, professionals including ac of imprisonment; the after such trials?

yers and actuaries gave evince. Much criticism was levelled at professionals in general and questions clearly demonstrated their raised about their knowledge and responsibility for the conduct complained of how independent could any "expert assessor" from the same small community of professionals be? Mr Staple appears to be

countants, bankers, law-

more concerned to add to the already frightening imbalance of power between the prosecution and the defence. Not satisfied with his draconian Section 2 powers which compel defendants in serious-fraud cases to answer questions without protection against self-in-crimination under penalty ment and analysis of jurors crimination under penalty

apparently unlimited finan cial resources and human resources in both spheres of investigation and prosecu-tion; and disclosure rules which favour the prosecu-tion, Mr Staple wishes to remove the irritation. inconvenience and hurdle of having to prove his case beyond reasonable doubt to a group of 12 citizens. When an individual's liberty is at stake, is the retention of the jury too great a price to pay for justice? The answer

must be no. Rather than calling for the abolition of juries for serious fraud trials, should we not seek a change in the law to permit academic

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An eye for great images

particularly associated with the work of Franceso Rosi and it was while on location in Ukraine for this director's latest film, based on Primo

Levi's The Truce, that he died of a heart attack, aged 69. In the exciting times of the Italian film renaissance after the second world war, De Santis followed the example of his elder brother. Giuseppe, and entered the Centro Sperimentale film school. On graduating in 1948, he got his first job working in the crew of his director brother's third fea-ture, Non c'è Pace tra gli Ulivi Olive Trees, 1950). In this first practical experience on a film set he learned from Giuseppe that conventional rules of cinematography could be erturned, for example by

Pud Brown

who has died aged 79, culti-

manner of the absent-minded professor. With his flowing

penchant for collecting elec-

trical apparatus (usually bro-ken, generally domestic), he

fitted the part perfectly, char-acteristically deflecting atten-tion from his considerable

the more traditional styles. During a season with Tre-

vor Richards' Camellia Jazz

Band from New Orleans at the Holiday Inn, Singapore, in 1985, Brown amassed a

sizeable quantity of non-func-

tional electric toasters, and his appearances at the As-

cona Festival in Switzerland

in the late 1980s were enliv-

ened by a white bicycle, its

basket so laden down with odds and ends that Brown

born into a musical family in

Wilmington, Delaware, and

toured theatres and carnivals

with the family band before seeking a musical career in Chicago in his late teens.

There he befriended and worked with many of the

pioneers of Chicago-style Dixieland jazz, including Bud Freeman and Jimmy Dorsey,

as well as the cornettist Pete

Daily, who, like Brown was to

make a name playing Dixie-land on the West Coast.

cooled rather than from place to place.

Albert "Pud" Brown was

Hot sax in

the Big Easy

VER the past 20 | Coast, becoming famous as years Pud Brown, one of the hottest soloists on the jazz clarinettist clarinet and tenor, playing

worked for cinematographer Gianni Di Venanzo on Francesco Rosi's Salvatore Giuliano (1962). I first met Pasqualino the following year when he was working again with Di Venanzo and Rosi on Le Mani sulla Città (Hands Over The City). While Di Venanzo struggled to light a dramatic scene in the shadowy back alleys of Naples, I watched and listened to Rost explaining to Pasqualino how he wanted the camera to film the "real life" of the scene and capture the reactions of ordinary people acting a story close to their lives. "It was a lesson in life as well as in film-making," Pasqualino

told me. In 1965 I saw him at work with Rosi again, this time in Spain, where Rosi was making Il Momento della Verità (The Moment of Truth), about a young peasant who wants to

clarinet and tenor, playing the older style of jazz, and recording with New Orleans veterans Nappy Lamare, Kid Ory and Lee Collins.

The first session cut under

his own name was made in

respect that Brown com-manded from his fellow musi-

cluded Jack Teagarden on trombone. Bob Crosby's

drummer Ray Bauduc, and Benny Goodman's pianist

Tapes that survive of his

live sessions with Lee Collins

from San Francisco's Club Hangover reveal Brown as

even more impressive in

front of an audience than in a studio, and he holds his own

well against the explosive

Armstrong-inspired trumpet

■ N California in the mid-

other fine album under

his own name with Dick

Cary and Shelly Manne.

Brown moved back to the

South, initially to Shreve-

port, but gradually spending more time in New Orleans.

As the first generation of jazz

musicians died out, there was an increasing quantity of work available for a hot clari-

nettist who played convinc-ingly in the traditional style, and Pud's elderly but

sprightly appearance helped.

He spent several months

An assistant cameraman | become a toreador. It was Ro-during the 1950s, his creative | si's first colour film and, with tions and filmed several bull-fighting events, including Pamplona. But Di Venanzo, a maestro of black and white, felt uneasy about colour and soon quit. Rosi turned to Pas-"It was reckless of me to

> where Gianni had had doubts but I believed we could shoot in colour as if it were black and white," he said later. Indeed, I watched him using hand-held cameras adroitly, almost like a TV cameraman of today, whether mixing with the guests at a real "dolce vita" Madrid cocktail party, where the American movie star (Linda Christian) seduces the handsome young builfighter, or in a real Plaza de Toros, just over the border from Gibraltar, where Rosi's cameraman filmed the excited faces of the aficionados.



De Santis . . . Oscar winner

qualino well when he came to direct the lighting for Franco Zeffirelli's Romeo and Juliet. which was shot under more traditional conditions. Not surprisingly, the film's most acclaimed sequences — for which De Santis won an Academy Award for best cinematography in 1968 - were the duel scenes, which he had

shoot with hand-held cam | Montaldo's Marco Polo in eras. The Steadicam had yet | 1980, filmed mostly in China eras. The Steadicam had yet to make its appearance. With Rosi's 1967 C'era una Volta (Cinderella Italian

credit and became cinematog-rapher on the Neapolitan director's subsequent films, among them The Mattei Af-fair, Lucky Luciano, Illustri-ous Corpses, Christ Stopped At Eboli and Carmen. For The Truce, which was being shot under difficult conditions in Ukraine, Pasqualino and Rosi had found locations that would enable them to shoot all the countries and seasons for Primo Levi's odyssey of Italian prisoners returning home from Auschwitz.

De Santis also worked for other directors. He shot four of Visconti's last five films including Death in Venice, for which he won a Bafta award He also invented the drab bleached look for the Rome suburbs of Ettore Scola's A

and in Africa. He also photographed three films by Robert Bresson: Lancelot du Loc (1974), Le Diable probablement (1977) and L'Argent

Numerous Italian and international awards and critical plaudits have recognised Pasqualino de Santis's creative contribution but film historians will remember him most for two of the most stunning opening sequences in cinema's last quarter of a century: two arrivals by boat, that of Dirk Bogarde's As-chenbach across the lagoon in Death in Venice, and that of Gian Maria Volonte's doctor, who substitutes for Marquez's parrator in Chronicle of a Death Foretold.

John Francis Lane

Pasqualino de Santis, cinema tographer, born April 24, 1927; **Dr Alexander Langsdorf**

Haunted by the Bomb

aged 83, was one of the Manhattan Project scientists who built the ject scientists who built the atom bomb and then pleaded with the White House not to drop it on Japan. President Truman refused and Langs-dorf was haunted by the subsequent devastation for the rest of his life.

Langsdorf was among that group of scientists, led by Charles Franck and Leo Szilard, who wanted Hiroshima and Nagasaki spared. Instead they urged a demonstration of the Bomb's terrifying de-structive power. This, they believed, would induce a rapid Japanese capitulation. Although Langsdorf worked mainly at Chicago he was involved in final weapons design, convinced that the purpose of the pro-gramme was to beat the Germans to nuclear weapons. When, in the spring of 1945, it

became evident that the feared Nazi nuclear programme did not exist. Langs-dorf was horrified by the mil-itary decision to switch targets and use the weapons Throughout his life he remained convinced that the costs of shortening the war had been unnecessarily and sickeningly high. His family recall that in the 1970s, when in Japan for a year as a visiting professor at Tohoku University, Langsdorf broke down with grief when, with

his wife, his travels took him to the Hiroshima memorial. However, his deep concern about the horror and international problems posed by nu-clear weapons was given public expression much earlier. Shortly after the end of the second world war, with other to create the famous Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, a publication of great international impact whose mast-head clock — warning the world of nuclear holocaust stood at a minute to midnight during the darkest phases of

gets in a small cyclotron which he built with colleagues at the University of Washington, in St Louis, in the late 1930s. Langsdorf was among the first physicists to produce milligram quantities of the radioactive element 93 (neptunium) which decays into element 94 — plutonium. Although extremely small, Langsdorf's samples were nevertheless large enough to confirm, as had been spelled out 30 years earlier in Freder-ick Soddy's laws of radiochemistry, that neptunium-

LEXANDER Langs-dorf, who has died aged 83, was one of the Manhattan Pro-lentists who built the lentists who built the lentists who built the lentists who have the pleased nium-239 isotope is highly fisthe Manhattan Project.

His work with the cyclo-tron was started well before the warning by Frisch and Peierls that nuclear weapons were a practical proposition.
Similar academic and exploratory research was being carried out in Britain, Germany and the Soviet Union. But only Langsdorf's results produced samples large enough for a preliminary investiga-tion of the fissionable proper-

ties of plutonium-239. It was inevitable that he would be drawn into the huge nuclear wespons programme during the war. After operat-ing the Washington cyclotron as a plutonium-refining de vice and from Washington, assisting in the design of the first controlled atomic chainreaction piles at Chicago University, he joined Fermi at Chicago where he remained until his retirement in 1977.

work on nuclear cross-sections aided Wigner in the design of the large weapons-grade pluto-nium producing reactors. built rapidly on the Hanford site. Washington, and later in the design of weapons. But like Wigner and Szilard. Langsdorf was one of the first scientists to realise that understanding and controlling a nuclear chain reaction is a simple matter when compared with understanding and controlling the psychology of nuclear weapons and nuclear power.

Langsdorf, who took his doctorate in the 1930s at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before going to Washington and Chicago, was among the first staff scientists at Chicago University's National Argonne Laboratory. Set up just after the war, this become one of the the world, working openly on nuclear and fusion research and, for three decades, inves-

tigating civil nuclear safety. Langsdorf, who leaves a wife and two children, is remembered by his colleagues as a razor-sharp physicist, a man dedicated to world peace, and a great

Anthony Tucker

born May 30, 1912; died May 24, 1996

Birthdays Claudio Abbado, conductor, | ronmentalist, author, 87; 63; Sir Campbell Adamson, former chairman, Abbey National Building Society. 74; Sir Alan Bailey, safety investigator for royal palaces, 65; Prof Kenneth Barker, vice-chancellor and chief executive, De Montfort University, 62; June Bridgeman, former deputy chair. Equal Opportunities Commission, 64; Hugues Cuenod, French tenor, 94; Georgie Fame, rock singer and songwriter, 58; Dr Alexander Fenton, head of European Ethnological Research Centre, Edinburgh, 67; Willie Hamilton, republican, former Labour MP, 79; Lady Holland-Martin, former

chairman, NSPCC, 82; Don-ald Johnston, secretary-generai OECD, 80; Prof Ruth Kempson, linguist, 52; Syd Lawrence, bandleader, 72; Laurie Lee, poet and author, 82; Robert Maclennan, Lib-eral Democrat MP, 60; Gordon McQueen, former Scotland footballer, 44: Prof Sir

Emma Porteous, costume designer, 60; Lord Rawlin-son, QC, former Conserva-tive Attorney-General, 77; Philippe Streiff, racing driver, 41; Prof Maurice Wilkes, computer scientist, 83; Colin Wilson, author, 65; David Winnick, Labour MP, 63; Marta Zabaleta-Hinrichsen, economist, anthro-

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Tackling the law head on

wearing crash helmets. But his lifelong ambition was the reation of a Sikh homeland.

Jackdaw

Synonym check

WE HAVE often made light of the bizarre suggestions that spellcheckers can make

when we run our priceless prose past their heady eyes. Yet, it hadn't occurred to us until now that spellcheckers

also promote the ideology of capitalist-imperialist-chau-

Microsoft word for win-dows '95 comes in many dif-ferent languages and El Pais, the leading Madrid daily, recently noted that the syn-onym dictionary included in the Spanish version leaves a

If you ask for synonyms for

the word hombre (man), the

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operator, and

Chahal fought the law as a battle against religious and racial prejudice rather than a

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Northern Ireland peace talks.

Archbishop Renato Martian

as the Vatican's representa-

tive at the UN, and a popular

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Late cheque

Thomas Elvis. The Tablet discovering irre-

verencies at the hands of the almighty spellchecker.

· I AM forwarding my mar-

riage certificate and six chil-dren. I had seven, but one

died which was baptized on

half a sheet of paper.

• Mrs Jones has not had any

clothes for a year and has been visited regularly by the

clergy.

• I cannot get sick pay. I

have six children. Can you tell me why?

Please find for certain if

until he knows.

my husband is dead. The may

I am now living with can't eat

I am very much annoyed to

find you have branded my son illiterate. This is a dirty

I am glad to report that my husband, who is missing, is

novelist and commentator on

carrying out their duty. Over of Khalistan, arguing: "Withthree years Chahal received 42 fines. He refused to pay and was eventually sentence to 30 days in prison. In 1976 the battle was won when the legislation was amended with the Motorcycle Helmets (Religious Exemp-tion) Act. Chahal believed in

remained amicable - both

He is survived by his wife, Balvinder, and a daughter and son.

tics and in 1993 became gen-

eral secretary of the Council

Bored? THINGS to do in an elevator Grimace painfully while muttering: "Shut up, d*mmit, all of you just shut UP!"

smacking your forehead and



Crack open your briefcase or purse and, while peering in-side, ask "Got enough air in there?

74; Peter Pike, Labour MP

Stand silent and motionless ir the corner, facing the wall without getting off.

When arriving at your floor, grunt and strain to yank the doors open, then act embar-rassed when they open by

Stare, grinning at another announce "I've got new socks

When at least eight people have boarded, moan from the back, "Oh, not now, damn motion sickness!

Scatter powertools around your feet and scream into a radio: "I haven't finished yet! The cable only has one

Say "I wonder what all these do", and push red buttons. Take a bite out of a sandwich telbajac look, All in the spirit of strictly contempory peace. Mondo: lost in translation see wha in muh mout?"

Things to do in church Replace the planist's sheet music with Stairway To

Hide copies of Hustler in the pulpit. Point them out.

Do cool things with lighting.

When the choir sings, roll your eyes and grumble. "Oh. no! Are they gonna do another

Twenty minutes into the service, look up at your watch. stand up and say. "Oh shit. This isn't the wedding!" Run out quickly.

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Crawford

Brown arrived in Califor- New Orleans production of nia in the late 1940s via the musical One Mo' Time, At festival time. Brown was Shreveport, Louisiana, where worked on Bourbon Street always hyperactive, leading Louis Nelson in 1988, and was he got to know many of the with trumpeter Connie Jones his own Delta Kings — his completely convincing as an New Orleans jazz musicians and a bizarre band called the elderly sister occasionally authentic member of Nelson's still touring the South. He Razzberrie Ragtimers that edged Stanley Stephens off Preservation Hall-inspired spent 20 years on the West | featured two banjos, as well | the drum stool — and playing | band.

as the cornet of Wes Mix and I in many of the other bands the trombone of Paul that appear all over New Orleans during that sea He came to Europe with

Pud Brown was amusing jazz and to make a successful company off the bandstand, living out of it for more than

always on the lookout for more gadgets, but the achievement for which he will be remembered was to blend the hot jazz influences of Chicago with the gentler older style of New Orleans

60 years.

Alyn Shipton

the law, riding around police could have changed the law cars until he was arrested in just three years.

Yet relations with the police Chahal became increas-

Pud Brown, jazz musician, born

January 22, 1917; died May 27,

Baldev Singh Chahal

ALDEV Singh Chahal, dia, Chahal came to Britain representatives of all the instead of a turban would be successfully campaigned in the mid-1970s to and a High Wycombe teleget legal exemption for Sikhs | phone

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No more politically correct

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Westerner) provides europeo,

orio (Aryan), blanco (white), civilizado and culto (learned). Try oriental instead, and all

you get is asiatico, amarillo (yellow) and chino. Multi-lingual bad manners,

THE SPELLCHECK on the

Tablet's new computer sys-tem has a particularly topical and irreverent sense of hu-

mour. Recent suggestions for

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Committee.

Sikhs fighting in the British Indian Army and serving in the Singapore Fire Brigade had worn turbans, rather

lie, as I was married a week

In answer to your letter, have given birth to a boy

weighing 10 pounds. I hope this is satisfactory.

My husband got his pro-

You have changed my lit-tle girl to a boy. Will this

make a difference?

I have no children as yet as

my husband is a truck driver and works day and night.

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Prabjet Dolly Dhingra

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Faults rock nuclear sell-off Psion deal a mark

Stations under investigation for fuel problems worst performing nuclear stations. The company

Paul Brown and Chris Barris

DX of the eight nuunder investigation by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (NII) because they have developed problems with uranium fuel

unveil the price and final details of the nuclear sell-off this morning, the NII said damaged fuel pins had been clear stations due to found in Hunterston B in Ayr be privatised are and Hinkley Point B in Somthe long-term implications.

The problem affects systems common to six of the

seven advanced gas-cooled

The stations not suspected of having the damage are Sizewell B and Dungeness B, which have a slightly differ-ent fuel design but are the worst performing of all the

The company has warned repeatedly that its ability to teep its stations running is fundamental to its finances. The NII statement followed a letter from a "group of pro-fessional scientific staff" within British Energy to the Guardian. They said they feared for their jobs and their pensions if their identities were discovered but felt, for public safety reasons, that the fault needed to be disclosed. But NII said last night it

the AGR stations remain safe to operate". The NII is requesting information from the company "regarding longer term implications and actions on the issue".

Fundamental to the inquiry is whether the reactors can continue to be run at full load or whether the damage to the pins means that power out-put, and therefore income, would be reduced. The NII said that, on the eve of privatisation, it could not

In the prospectus for the sell-off the problem with the fuel plns is mentioned as a subject for an inquiry by the company. But the prospectus advises potential investors

the long-term profitability of vestigation "into wear on fuel far at Hunterston B. BE caused by vibration as the industry which is being pins resulting from fuel brace refused to comment in detail cooling carbon dioxide is privatised as British Energy. fretting and is satisfied that last night, but said "all mate" pumped round the system. In refused to comment in detail last night, but said "all material aspects of the business are included in the prospec-tus" issued to potential inves-

> partment said the problem with the AGR fuel rods was known. Ministers and BE management had said that safety was paramount. The scientists told the Guardian that, two weeks ago, the problem was discov-ered to be far worse than has

The discovery of the damage to fuel in the storage ponds at Hunterston B sparked the investigation. Exfound at Hinkley Point B.

an emergency shut-down, damaged fuel pins could break, releasing fission products into the cooling gas which is then vented into the The trade and industry deatmosphere. It could then contaminate the area down-

wind of the reactor.
The scientists say "the numbers of fuel pins failing in an accident would be many times greater than the safety case allowed for.

The scientists go on to claim that action to reduce the newer entent from the

the power output from the reactors has been delayed because of the privatisation.
"The imminent privatisation means that this problem and its inevitable consequences

The damage to the inside of are being covered up.

of UK excellence



Edited by Alex Brummer

the proposed £200 million absorption of Amstrad by Psion is on the demise of Alan Sugar's business empire, rather than the creation of a new centre of UK echnological excellence Although Psion's palmtop

computers have not yet turned into Microsoft, the company is developing a dominant position in the palmtop market where it has a market share of 33 per cent. In fact, the story of David Potter's company is one which speaks volumes for the educational quality of those in advanced technology and the ability to convert ideas into products

which people want Earlier this year Mr Potter, whose company has managed to produce compound growth of 35 per cent since it was founded in 1980, took the sirategic decision to license its technology to big players in the US and elsewhere, rather than risk the fats of other hitech groups such as Apple which have been margina-lised by bigger players with more marketing clout.

Adding Amstrad to Psion is part of the process of survival in a competitive climate. Amstrad has some highly de-veloped marketing skills but, as importantly, it also has a telephone technology which will enable Psion to improve its range so it can compete with rivals, such as Nokia, in the fast-growing field of pocket computers with a full range of communications pos-sibilities from e-mail to fax. Paion is expected to hang on Viglen, although the consumer products side will be sold off,

The money aspects remain vague, except that Psion will gain Amstrad's cash horde of 280 million which, together with its own resources and a new share issue, will help finance the deal. As for Alan Sugar, he will become the second largest shareholder and profer his expertise from outside the boardroom.

LECTRONIC cash is al-

nience for customers, doing

away with visits to the bank

and providing a vehicle for untold new services.

But consumers should be in no doubt electronic cash sys-tems such as Visa Cash and Mondex are designed mainly

to boost corporate profits by

cutting money-handling costs.

The consumers' convenience

Consumers should be wary of any attempt to make them

pay for such services. This

would just be paying to let the banks make bigger profits.

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Competition will eventually force the banks to offer the ervice free of charge.

However, the drift towards electronic payments is inexorable. Payment by plastic is just a way of triggering electronic payments. Carrying stored value on the plastic card itself is a logical step

forward. Visa and Mastercard, the two largest consumer pay-ment systems, are also working with the likes of Microsoft and IBM to develop a secure on-line payments system which will open the flood-gates for shopping via the

The crunch decision for the UK banks will be whether to since the two systems are not compatible. Although Mondex will be available first, the odds must be in favour of the trusted by banks, retailers and consumers.

Bearing witness

rupted atmosphere in which fraud trials are currently discussed that Kevin Maxwell's article in today's Guardian — in which he pas-sionately criticises the idea of taking furors out of the trial process — may be seen as special pleading. Mr Maxwell has been a

fraud defendant; he denied the charges, was tried and acquitted. If anyone has a measure of expertise, he has. Whether Mr Maxwell is right to accuse Serious Fraud Office director George Staple of attempting to load the dice in favour of the Crown is, in a way, beside the point. The heart of the matter is this: is a panel of judges, or of "expert assessors", any substitute — in terms of fairness — for 12 good citizens and true? It was an error for Mr Staple, in his call on Monday at the London School of Economics for the that 90 per of criminal cases are heard by magistrates, not jurors. Despite the change of name, a magistrates court is a ish offenders brought up from the local station.

Not much comparsion there to the natural justice en-shrined in the crown court.

Governance gap

NVESTORS in DIY group Wickes are angrily mutter-ing about poor corporate governance and things having to change. But, once again, they have only them-selves to blame.

There was no secret about Henry Sweetbaum being both chairman and chief executive, nor about the status of the non-executives, nor the record of poor communicainstitutions knew all about that. They should have acted earlier.

carrier.

Complying with the Cadbury Code is no guarantee of good business practice, but it helps. If institutional shareholders are not happy, their duty is to insist on changes. It is a privilege which small chareholders do not have.

Chief executives face demands for their removal as bitter shareholders take a beating

Strong's head on the block

ISGRUNTLED: Sears board and calling for the head of chief executive Liam Strong at a stormy annual general meeting in London. Anger at the retail group's

poor performance had clearly been exacerbated by the recent flasco surrounding the sale of some of its shoe businesses to the now collapsed Facia Group.

Sears made a pre-tax loss of £120 million for the year to the end of January 1996, a per formance described as "terri-" by one shareholder. "If this is your best I'm sorry for you and Liam Strong should go," he said in a call which riggered loud applause from the 350-strong audience. Another shareholder said

the board had received "ridiculous salaries for an absolutely pathetic performance We'd like to see someone else running the outfit."

The meeting may increase on Mr Strong to depart. He has been at Sears for four years and there is growing City speculation that several of the company's institutional investors are becoming impa-

Chairman Sir Bob Reid acknowledged the mood. "Every comment we've had today is critical of the way in which the business is performing, and rightly so," he said. But he insisted that Sears now had in place a sound strategy for each of its four core businesses - clothing, shoes, mail order and Sel-

The losses, he said, had been the inevitable result of the thorough revamp the company had undergone and he was cautiously optimistic about the current trading out-



Satisfied customers . . . but business was far from brisk at the DIY group's store in Edmonton, north London, yesterday

Wickes suspended on accounting alert

IRECTORS of do-ityourself group Wickes were last night trying urgently to agree measures aimed at reassuring investors after its shares were suspended yesterday morning in the wake of a warning about serious accounting problems".

The company's shares dropped 40p to 69p in the 53 minutes between the warning and the shares being suspended.

Investors were last night calling for board changes, although they were awaiting change in 1986. He was paid

further details today before considering specific demands. One fund manager com-mented: "The current position of the board is untens-

The primary focus of the institutions' concern is likely to be the dual role of Henry Sweetbaum, who is chairman and chief executive, despite the recommendation in the Cadbury Code on corporate governance that the roles be

Mr Sweetbaum is a financier who led the buy-out of Wickes from its US parent in 1982 and subsequently floated the company on the Stock Ex-

more than £1 million last year because of long-term bonuses, despite the company recording a £258 million loss following the disposal of its timber interests.

Wickes' former finance director, Trefor Llewellyn, left to join building materials company Caradon almost a

He was succeeded by Stuart Stradling, formerly with the company's financial advisers, One fund manager asked yesterday: "If there have been accounting problems. Why

has it taken a year for the

new finance direcor to un-

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caught the Pru's eye. There

are also rumours that it is

The Pru's preferred life

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dent, although it has also been linked with Scottish

floating independently. It talking to the Alliance &

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that he has been promised the convert to a bank.

yesterday morning, Wickes said the problems had amerged only on Monday. "The board is meeting later 1995 had probably been over-

today following the discovery yesterday of serious accountng problems," the statement Wickes said the problems related to "the timing of recognition of profit from sup-

This is believed to refer to payments or discounts from suppliers, which may have been prematurely included in

However Wickes also unset institutions by failing to

activities in future on retail

M&G, which specialises in

has clients in over 100

countries and 27 offices

worldwide. It has started to

recover from a few difficult

In its statement first thing | were, how substantial they were, or even which years were affected. The statement said profits and shareholders' funds for

stated, but earlier years may

"It is not possible to quan-tify the magnitude of these overstatements at present," the company said, adding that the cash position at the end of

December was thought to be accurate.

Wickes' shares had fallen from a high of kip in April, after it shocked investors at the annual meeting by announcing tough trading at its DIY stores. make clear what the problems | DIY stores. ..

Men from Pru to float M&G for spending spree

Pauline Springett and Citt Jones

PECULATION that Pru dential was poised to make a takeover bid for the Woolwich Building Society reached fever pitch yesterday when the insurer an-nounced plans to float its reinsurance arm Mercantile & General later this year.
Peter Davis, chief executive

of the Pru, the UK's largest life insurer, said he expected to sell about half the group's stake in M&G, which has no connection with the unit trust group. Analysts estimate it would have a market capitalisation of between £1 billion and £1.5 billion, so the float could net the Pru upwards of £500 million.

The proceeds would boost the Pru's financial firepower and enable it to make a large acquisition without having to resort to a rights issue. City sources believe that the Woolwich's settlement with its former chief executive, Peter Robinson, is also a sign that it | significance". is clearing its desks for a

But the building society said that it had held no formal



talks with Prudential or any

other potential buyer. "I

won't speculate on anything in particular," said Mr Davis. He re-confirmed, however,

that the Pru would like to buy

both a life company and a

building society. He also con-

ceded that it was talking gen-

erally to many parties, but no talks were "of any

According to one city ana-

lyst: "The appointment of John Stewart as a new chief.

executive without any experi- in serious jeopardy.

talks were

Ex-Woolwich chief drops job claim for £165,000 pension

DISGRACED Woolwich chief exec-utive Peter Robinson will receive for the rest of his life — potentially worth more than £3 million — after he agreed not to sue Britain's thirdlargest building society for wrongful

Woolwich after he was accused of abusing his position, will start receiving payments immediately—as he seeks to line up a new job. The

The Woolwich's statement said:
"The board recognises the significant contribution made by Mr Robinson would not pay compensation for Mr Robinson's two-year broken contract.

ence of running a public cour-

pany would seem to confirm that the Woolwich itself may

have abandoned any hope of

may be that Mr Stewart is a

party to takeover talks, and

top job after any deal is

However, an industry in-

sider said he believed that the

Woolwich still hoped to

remain independent — al-

society alleged he used Woolwich gardeners, builders and vehicles for personal reasons. There were also allegations of special discounts on loans to

Mr Robinson yesterday again de-nied the allegations. "I remain convinced that my resignation was completely unnecessary."

The society appeared more concilia-

tory towards him in agreeing to drop

Leicester, another building financial services and related

he said.

society which is planning to fund management activity,

pily, matters arose — mainly con-cerned with the use of the society's facilities — which gave rise to a loss of trust, and an investigation by the society's lawyers and auditors has

society's lawyers and angules has not altered the board's view."

UBS building society analyst Rob Thomas said: "Having castigated him so publicly at the outset, the nature of the settlement is rather surprising. It looks, perhaps, as if the board may now feel it overreacted with the origi nal, very public, rebuke."

would not pay compensation for Mr

The Woolwich is not the | decision to float M&G had | duced a 13 per cent increase been the result of a strategic in its pre-tax profit to £196 million. overview. "We have decided to concentrate Prudential's

The whirl of takeover rumours surrounding the Pru and the Woolwich coincided with a statement from the building societies ombudsman denouncing the trend by life and health reinsurance, societies to convert into hanks.

Brian Murphy, in his fourth year as ombudsman. said the decisions to convert Mr Davis, who has been at years. In 1995 it had gross pre- to bank status were "unlikely the Pru for a year, said the | miums of £1.3 billion and pro- to bonefit consumers".

Copper crisis

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Owen Guerrini, had resigned.

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weekend that they were leav-ing the company," said Peter Haveles, Global's attorney. "It was for personal reasons." Global denied reports that an-Metals, the US metals other executive, Johnny Champagne, had also left. The acted business for Yasuo resignations come a week Hamerials Commitment's after Global president David Hamanaka, Sumitomo's after Global president David Campbell was subpoenaed by losses of more than 11.2 billion, confirmed yester testify before a grand jury day that two of its key execu- probing the Sumitomo Last week it emerged that The two men acted for Global was operating acof Merrill Lynch on behalf of

were investigated in relation to the losses but were cleared. "We were advised over the

years age the Chilian authorities discovered that its state-owned copper trading agency Codelco had run up losses of more than \$200 million. Both

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Chris Hewett says the Courage champions' bid for Wigan's gifted New Zealanders will send shivers down the spines of their rivals

Bath to sign Paul and Tuigamala well placed

close to completing a remarkable double signing from rugby league's Wigan that will send shivers down the spines of their

The New Zealanders Henry Paul and Va'aiga Tuigamala are expected to agree winter deals with Bath, after playing in last month's cross-code matches between the two

Bath are equally confident of securing the services of the Wales scrum-half Robert Howley, who has confirmed his decision to leave Bridgend. Howley is being chased by Cardiff but is thought to be keen on a big-money stint in England. If all three end up at the Recreation Ground, Bath will possess a back division of

awesome potential. Paul and Tuigamala have both played regularly at centre for Wigan and will compete for first-team places with Jeremy Guscott and his fellow England international Phil De Glanville, who will

captain Bath next season. However, De Glanville Indicated that the versatile Paul, who took last month's Middlesex Sevens by storm, might be considered as a full-back. Tuigamala, who won 19 caps as an All Black wing before switching to rugby league, would pose an obvious chal-lenge to Bath's existing stable of strike runners, which includes Jon Sleightholme, Simon Geoghegan and Ade-deyo Adebayo.

Bath's director of rugby John Hall, who talked with Paul on Monday, was unavailable for comment yesterday but De Glanville confirmed that the club were in negotiations with both Wigan play- Richmond, ers. "I'd be more than League Two.

ATH, the league and happy to play alongside cup champions, are close to completing a Paul in any position," he

Neighbouring Bristol are easing the hitter disappointment of losing their scrumhalf Kyran Bracken, who was on the England bench last son, to Saracens by talking to a number of potential replacements, including three of Bath's top four half-backs. Marcus Olsen and Simon Johnson have signalled an interest in moving to the Memorial Ground, but Bristol will also speak to Bath's Scottish international Andy Nicol when he returns from Scot-

land's tour of New Zealand.
The Bristol spokesman David Tyler said: "We've got a fair few options, for the simple reason that Kyran's departure means we have a departure means we have a No. 1 berth on offer. Not that we wanted to be in this situa-tion; we thought had an agreement with Kyran and we're pretty unhappy about the way things have happened."

Tyler added that the Eng-land A second-row Simon Shaw, who is on the road to full fitness after serious knee and ankle problems, had signed a two-year deal with the club. Shaw, one of the most talented tight forwards in European rugby, had been chased by both Bath and Wasps before agreeing to stay

ager Geoff Cooke yesterday became director of rugby at Bedford. He links up with Paul Turner, the Courage League Two side's new Craig Quinnell, the 21-yearold Lianelli flanker, will today join his brother Scott at Richmond, also in Courage

The former England man-



Racing

Wakeham for BHB role

Chris Havrkins

NYONE doubting the enthusiasm for racing of Lord Wakeham, the new chairman of the British Horseracing Board, should know that he once chartered a private plane to fly himself to Fairyhouse to see The Dikler run in the

Irish National.

John Wakeham is. of course, more readily identified as a leading Tory, having entered parliament in 1974 where he held various oner-ous positions, including chief whip, secretary of state for energy and leader of the House of Commons before retiring two years ago.

At 64, he remains a man of prodigious energy and rises each day at 5.30 a.m. to fulfil a punishing schedule which would have many a young hruster suffering from acute

Being chairman of four public companies as well as the BHB and the Press Com-plaints Commission is apparently not enough to keep him busy and he holds two non-executive directorships in this country and one in the United States.

Racing can rest assured, therefore, that as the first non-member of the Jockey Club to be running the game, it has someone of considerable acumen and political in-

The object is that he uses it to secure an industry which employs nearly 100,000 people but suffers from lack of finance. Wakeham sees three said. "The jury is still out and key areas of improvement I think we should see what it through self-help, government aid and communication." It is a few years time."

It is in the realms of govern-ment assistance that his contacts could prove vital, pro-vided the Conservatives remain in power, for this is a man who gave John Major his Henn Russ greet

first job as a junior minister.
The Prime Minister and the Home Secretary are both interested in racing, although would think the Chancellor is more of a football fan," said

"As yet, finances and betting arrangements are not satisfactory and racing has an unfinished agenda. We must put an unanswerable case for a further reduction in betting duty, the essence being that if we get it down more people will be encouraged to bet and

Such a submission will be made in late July or the beginning of August when be says politicians will have more time to digest it — he remembers he once went on holiday laden with 5,000 pages of policy suggestions to read. Few would dispute the principie of his argument and he regards a further government concession as a "realistic prospect", particularly if the trend is for a general reduction in taxation.

On a more parochial mat-ter, he is not in favour of switching the Derby back to and will be concurring with the decision of Epson, expected to be announced to stay with

Saturday.
"I wouldn't be in too much of a hurry to change back," he sald. "The jury is still out and I think we should see what it

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Kinane on Dr Massini but all the money is for Alhaarth

MICHAEL Kinane, denied the chance to ride Dr Massini in the Vodafone Derby when the colt injured hinself prior to Epson, will resume his association with Michael Stoute's three-year-old in the Budweiser Irish Derby at The Curragh on

With the Dermot Weld-trained Zagreb unlikely to take his place in the line-up unless there is a downpour. Kinane confirmed yesterday that he is free to ride Dr Mas sini. Three horses were added at yesterday's supplementary | from 13-8 to stage, the Godolphin pair Don | Massini 9-1.

Micheletto and Sharaf Kabeer, and Roger Charlton's Private Song, making 15 possible runners.

Yesterday's betting once again surrounded one horse. Alhaarth. Dick Hern's juve nile champion is likely to be blinkered for the first time on Sunday, after reportedly working well in them last

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triumph of his short career with a tumultuous 7-6, 6-3, 6-7, 4-6, 7-5 victory over Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the newly minted French Open champion, in front of a captivated Centre Court here

It was a quite stupendous match, bursting with wonderful tennis and packed with gripping drama. In 1977 John Lloyd beat the fourth seed. Roscoe Tanner, in the first round, but that victory paled by comparison.

Henman won the first two sets with an array of glittering shots and superb serving.
Kafelnikov, the No. 5 seed, has been rated by Pete Sampras as one of best returners of serve in the modern game. Henman equalled and at times bettered him.

"It now seems a very, very long time since I won at Roland Garros," said Kafelnikov, who was generosity itself to Henman afterwards.

These two played together a great deal as juniors; they even share the same man-ager, Jan Felgate, the wife of the British coach David. But before yesterday they had met only once at senior level, the Russian winning 7-6, 6-3 in Rotterdam.

The great advantage Hen-man had this time was good old British grass. "You need three weeks to get used to it,"said Kafelnikov, who was clearly at odds with the green stuff at the start.

He was like a cat treading water and midway through the set strapped a bright blue support on his left leg. It was probably more of a comforter than anything, for he was never noticeably

As in Holland the first set feat was unfolding, with no went to a tie-break and when the Russian moved into a 6-3 champion would fail to close As in Holland the first set lead it seemed Henman's

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IM HENMAN, Brit-ain's No. I, pulled off Briton snapped back. Kafelni-the most astonishing kov, a year older, double-kov's nerves were jangling. kov, a year older, double-faulted at 6-6 and Henman served out for the first-set

British men's tennis, picking up on the wind of success and good fortune which has blown England to tonight's European Championship semi-final against Germany at Wembley, now has seven players through to the second round, the most since 1977.

Greg Rusedski, Mark Petcher.

chey, Danny Sapsford and Luke Milligan all won yesterday to join Colin Beecher and Chris Wilkinson, but it seemed that the greatest win of the lot was about to clude Wimbladon when Kafelnikov. Wimbledon when Kafelnikov, digging deep into his wonder-fully rich mine of shots, stormed back to level at two sets all.

That was nothing to do with Henman suddenly playing poorly or losing confidence. He continued to serve with great depth and pace, and his returns sparkled and flashed, but by then Kafelnikov had remembered he was a champion and grew in strength and determination.

In such a match there is a fine line between determination and tiredness. It was Henman, as fresh as a spring daisy for the first couple of hours, who began to show small tell-tale signs of wilting. He had been playing to such a remarkably high standard that it was hardly surprising. Smelling blood, Kafelnikov

went for the kill and broke Henman in the first game of the final set. A tense hush fell run; he held serve for 2-0 and then clamped an iron grip. It seemed that another tale of glorious British tennis de-

battle in the June sun would ... He missed two match points positive at the moment," said be uphill. But suddenly and at 5-3, but even then it still Henman If only it could last.

Paul Weaver on the stylish German whose

ICHAEL STICH are grumpy figure in the past two Wimbledons, slumping pooper. The Centre out of the tournament in

party pooping is being hampered by injury

Gloom overtakes Stich

the first round both times.

He is one of the most ele-gant players at this year's

championships and may be

forgiven for not smiling much lately. He has come through difficult times, al-

though his win over Thomas Muster on his way

to the final of the French

Open suggested his reba-bilitation was complete.

In Vienna last October

while playing Australia's Todd Woodbridge, his left ankle collapsed. He with-drew from the Australian

Open in January and could

compete only in the doubles in the Davis Cup win over Switzerland in February. Then in Milan his ankle gave way again and he had an operation in March.

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He was clearly still worried about his ankle yesterAmerican Michael Joyce.

double-faulted to present Hen-man with two break points. kov's nerves were jangling. When Henman levelled a

5-5 one would have thought he had won the match: the roars of encouragement were immense, yet even as they echoed around the court Henman was beginning to struggle with cramp. He held his serve for a 6-5

lead, almost teetering over after more than 3% hours on crumbled again and with it went the No. 5 seed. Henman's smile for once

was even wider than Rused-ski's. "Obviously I was de-lighted," he said. "It all turned around very quickly. I was always trying to play catch-up after losing my serve at the start of the last set but I was never nervous. "He's a very good player on

felt I had a chance on grass. Henman had gone out in the first round at Roland Garros, beaten in straight sets.

There was no huge celebra-tion at the end: "I was too tired to jump around." Now he has to adjust himself mentally to face Sapsford today. The men's singles has only

three of its top eight seeds remaining: Sampras, the de-fending champion, Boris Becker, and Goran Ivanisevic. That has not happened before in the Open era. It has been a remarkable couple of days. Rusedski revealed after his

7-6, 7-6, 6-2 victory over the Canadian Daniel Nestor that he had very nearly missed Wimbledon. He put out his hip joint at the Nottingham across the Centre Court hip joint at the Nottingham crowd. The Russian was on a tournament last week. "On Sunday I woke up and almost couldn't get out of bed." Physiotherapy and acupuncture got him back on his feet by Monday.

British tennis in general is certainly standing proud this morning. "Everybody is very

dition of the grass came up

Stick looked in impres-

sive form in the first set,

breaking for 4-2 and win-ning it 6-3 in 24 minutes.

But Schalken, 58th in the rankings, surprised his op-ponent by taking the

second by the same score. Both players complained about the light early in the third and, after Stich had broken and established a

4-1 advantage, play was suspended. It was the first half-smile we had from the former champion.

• Andrea Gaudenzi yester-day became the first places.

day became the first player

to be fined at this year's

championships. The 22-year-old Halian must pay around £1,000 for making unsportsmanlike com-

ments to the umpire An-

for discussion



A backhand for the future . . . the British No. 1 Tim Henman shows poise and determination to upset Yevgeny Kafelnikov

Rare sighting of the mature Shriver

Frank Keating on the trail of hearty young
Hingis and a graceful American veteran

ence asked: "Do you want the questions in German?" "No," having married since lost playing married s

smoothly as Monica Seles did on Monday. Ditto Arantza Sanchez VI day evening as he em-barked on his eighth Wim-bledon in fading light. "I'm as scared as hell," he said when the light and the concario, just as Conchita Martinez had done the day before. And. er, that's about it. Eleven days to go till the women's final, but it is a safe bet that two of these four will

be contesting it. The woman's game is desperate for some strength in depth, and its scoreboard — game and plays in deadly earlove, love me do — is already speckled with successive noughts. Yesterday did however provide some historical

ingly dispatched the grownup Jana Nejedly of Canada by

The Slovakian-born Swiss teenager carries a wallop. Her ripping two-fisted backgoing for marlin with a shrimp net. She carries her nest. Off court, though, her smile was as sunny as the

midsummer's day.

The elderly All England women competitors are married, and the championships' Wimbledon debut of the latest | the post-match press confer | shortest surname now

TEFFI GRAF cruised | child prodigy, 15-year-old saying, but she looked happy through, almost as | Martina Hings, who thurn

Ludmila Richterova, who ning, kept her spare ball behind her too, but on a blob of that adhesive nylon fuzz they use in cricket batting gloves. Each to their own. Jana Kan-daar of Germany, obliterated love and love by Mary Joe Fernandez, kept hers comfily inside the back rim of her knicker elastic.

.Two other interesting facts you never knew about Wimbers 96: only 13 of the 180

nounced her knee injury of was wiped out by Miss Graf last week "okay". She had after a sturdy enough begin-spent most of that time watching Euro 96, but refused to give a prediction for tonight's After the bonny bounciness of Miss Sanchez Vicario's

easy victory it was some relief to relax on an outside bench far in the country and renew one's annual admira-tion for the more mature charms of Miss Pamela

Eighteen years older than Miss Hingis, she is an author, broadcaster, serve-and-vol-leyer and erstwhile president

After her work-out against down her back, and golden the leggy and languid Miss bracelets glittered at her Richterova, Miss Graf pro- wrist. Between games it was eating from silver paper, and when she sipped from her paper cup the little duchess

finger was raised.

Pamela's grunt is not the urgent bark of a serving Seles, more a just-audible sigh, an erotic gasp. She won by 6-4, 6-4 against Annabel Elwood of Australia. Miss Shriver is 34 next week. I wonder how Miss Hingis will be getting on in 2014? Of the Brits, Clare Wood

lost after strolling through the first set, and Rachel Viol-let beat her compatriot Megan

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Results

Holder: P Sampras (US)

Woodforde (Aus)

First round M J DAVIDS/C SUK (Neth/Cz, 16) bt D Adams/D Princell (SA/Gar) 6-3, 6-1, 6-2, L Messa/A I. Silcherdson (Sw/Zr/GB) bt J Bate/S Noteboom (SA/Neth) 6-3, 6-4, I.-2, R Watheson/T Spisits (GB) bt D Johnson/

H Mathemen/T Spinitz (GB) bt D Johnson/ F Mortarra (CJ) bt W Blackly Frana (Zim/Ara) 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5; J Morenk/B Fillid (Cz. 15) 6-3, 6-7, 3-6, 6-3, 9-7; P Camin'S Stolle (Aus) bt T Kronemann/D MacPherson (US/ Aus) 7-7 (Aus) 5: T Kronsman Aus) 7-5, 6-4, 6-4. Women's Singles

Holder: S Graf (Ger)

First round

A HUBBER (Ger, 5) by G Laon Garcis (8p)

6-1, 6-1; J K Wissenser (Aut) by K Habsudova (Slovak) 8-0, 7-5; B BCHULTZ-MC-CARTHY (Neth, 11) by J Kruger (SA) 8-0,

6-3; S Teathed (Fr) by S Cack; (US) 6-1,

6-3; A Sagilyanus (Japan) by A Kremer (Juny) 7-6, 6-4; J Wissensabe (US) by R Bobkova (C2) 6-2, 6-3; M Orreconsus (Neth) by R Grande (N) 7-6, 6-3; L M Wild (US) by R P Carde (N) 7-6, 6-3; L M Wild (US) by R P Carde (N) 7-6, 6-3; L M Wild (US) by R P Carde (N) 7-6, 6-3; L M Wild (US) by R P Carde (N) 6-3, 6-4; P Second (C2) by K Goofridge (Aus) 6-8, 6-5; A SAB-CHUZ WICARNO (Sp. 4) by A Serra-Zaneti (N) 6-3, 6-4; P M Simiver (US) by A Elmond (Aus) 6-4, 6-4; M Samedense (N) by J Husbardov (Slovak) 0-5, 6-1, 6-1; A Passel (Fr) by S Dopter (Auf) 7-5, 7-6; L A DAW-REPORT (US, 8) by M Schmell (Aut) 6-4, 6-1; M MRMORE (Switz, 16) by J Nejediy 6-1; M. MERCARS (SWIZ: 10) OX J regiony (Can) 6-2. 6-2; M. J FERNANDEZ (US; 9) bt J Kandarr (Ger) 6-0, 6-0; M. Pez (Arg) bt M. Werdel Winneyer (US) 5-4. 6-2; K. Kochwandt (Ger) bt A Carsson (Swa) 4-6 6-3 6-3; L. Courtois (Bei) bt A Glassa

Women's Doubles Holders: J Novotnal A Sanchez Vicario (Cz/Sp)

W Probatic Slager (Ger) bt L Golarsz/K Radiord (MAss) 4-8, 6-4, 8-2-3 Lutovas/T Tanasasgama (Rus/Tna) bt M Lindstron/M Strandard (Swe) 7-6, 6-5: A J Contage/I Georgeoissasgal (SA/Arg) bt S Jeyanselan/ R Simpson (Can) 5-7, 6-2, 6-1; is Miyagi/ S Reson (Japan/US) bt L Montalvo/P Starcy (Arm) 6-4, 6-5:

Order of play

Rusedski . . . big serve

(Ger) 4-6, 6-2, 8-2: M J Arendt (US) bit H | [Japan]; J Bjorkmann/W Kelti (Sine, 10) v Ragyova (Slovek) 6-3, 6-2; L Halland (Lut) bit K S Rinaldi Stunizel (US) 6-3, 6-3; J MONOTHA (C.2, 6) bit V Maxtinek (Ger) 6-4, 6-6; R Dragosser (Florm) bit Y Bastuid (Indo) 6-7, 7-5, 8-8; C Pervisit (Ger) bit C J Wood (Gis) 2-6, 7-5, 6-4; K A Gasse Juxs) to N Bractitis (Aus) 6-3, 8-9; R Viellet (GE) bit N Miller (GB) 6-2, 2-6, 6-1; K M Adamse (US) bit A Gavakion (Mac) 7-6, 6-1; K M Adamse (US) bit A Gavakion (Mac) 7-6, 6-1; M Medite-deve (Ult) bit C Morarty (US) 5-7, 7-6, 6-4; K A Gasse Justin (Mac) 7-6, 6-1; K M Adamse (US) bit A Gavakion (Mac) 7-6, 6-1; K M Relation (GB) (Mac) v B J Biochardty (US) 5-7, 7-6, 6-4; K M Calland (US) (Mac) V P Ruano Pascusi (Bp) 5-7, 8-4, 8-2; P No-Bonsinis (Can) it M De Swentt (SA) 7-6, 6-4; K M Calland (GB) (Mac) v Gest Five (12.0); P Language (US) (Mac) v Gost Five (12.0); P Language (US) (Mac) v Gost Five (US); P Language (US) (Ma

raygarnic J van Henschm; (SA);-1 De-mongould Ohenin (Fr) v L Ghirardi-Rubbi' S Pilitowsid (Fr). Court 10 No play. Court 11 (12.0); S H Part (S Kon v M Frazier (US; A Radulescu (Ber) v S Pos-conclido (II); O Lugha/E Wagner, (Kir /Ren; v L III Bargantand/R P Statista (US/Aus, 9); L III Bargantand/R P Statista (US/Aus); Self (M Costing/S Schelken (Nedi) v S E Davis/P Kilderry (US/Aus); II Bradition/R McCollina (Aus, 16) v V Laka/S Smith (GB).

To be arranged J L De Jager/B Steven (SA/NZ) v S Lar essu/A O'Brien (Cen/US, 7): # Goelleer/A Kadelnikov (Ger/Rus, 13) v B Belseren

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NatWest Trophy: Oxfordshire v Lancashire

Lancashire far from fall guys

ACH year at this time various Minor Countles await the the first round of the NatWest Trophy with relish, waiting to splat a custard pie in the face of a hapless first-class side. It has happened eight times since 1964, when the minnows were first allowed to play with the big

Yorkshire have been the fall guys twice and so have Derbyshire, who at a sodden Bishop's Stortford watched aghast as Devon Malcolm habitually fizzed the ball over the top of the stumps. Glamor-gan, Essex (in the second round), Somerset and Northamptonshire have come un-stuck once.

But eight mishaps is no jus-tification for paranoia. Offer a county cricketer a choice of a bouncy greentop, with Allan Donald at one end and Wagar Younis at the other, or a rural pudding pitch and a mediumpaced garage mechanic bowling there or thereabouts and it is no contest.

Lancashire's recent heritage is rooted in the 60-overs competition, however, and rural Oxfordshire held no terrors for them yesterday. In sumptuous weather the ground, backed by the the next round in wooded slopes of the Chilters and adjoined by cornthree days later.

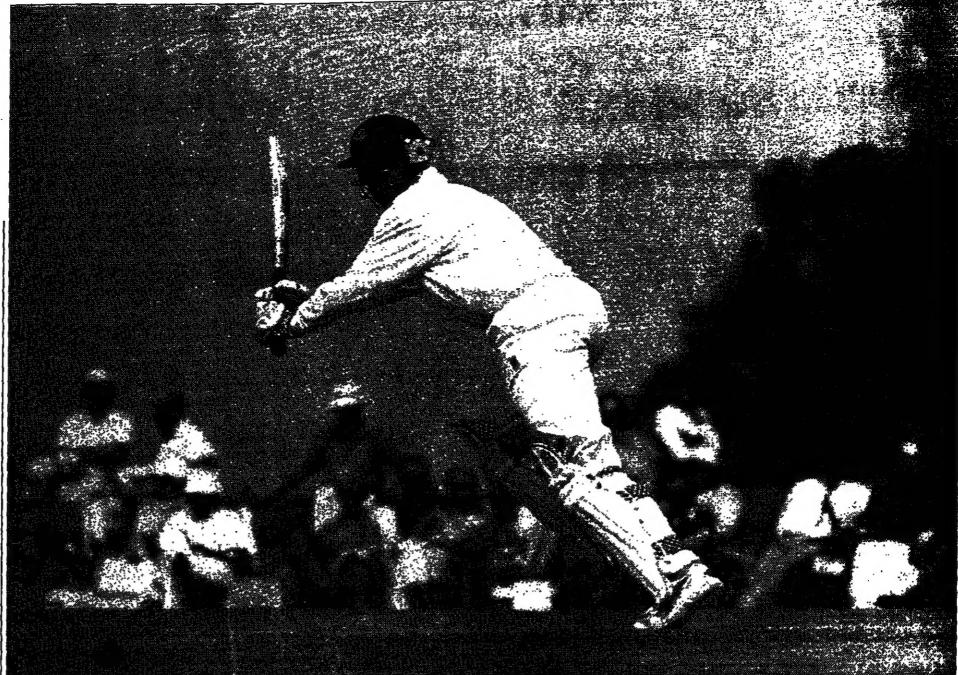
Lord's Dickie's tears and five days of international confrontation.

It was the equivalent of a fortnight at a health farm for Mike Atherton and Peter Martin; cricket at the blunt end. Atherton, strapped for runs recently, managed only four in the first 10 overs but went on to make 78, and there were entertaining half-centuries from Mike Watkinson, whose 62 contained four sixes, and Nick Speak, whose 63 was his highest in the connectition.

A scare of 310 for seven was like having £1 million in the bank and getting a £50 gas bill. Oxfordshire, realising that the task was not so much uphill as the Eiger's north face, settled for respectability after an untidy start that saw Ian Austin take the charity of-109 runs

But there was a pleasant enough 57 from Stuart Lauden, an electrical technician who has represented the Minor Counties, 42 for Bruce Ellison, whose competitive medium pace earlier had brought him three wickets and troubled the Lancashire batsmen most, and 61 not out from Charles Knightly.

Lancashire play Northamp tonshire at Old Trafford in the next round in a preview to their Benson and Hedges final



Beating a rural retreat . . . Nick Speak had time to enjoy the Oxfordshire surroundings as much as his 83 runs for Lancashire at Aston Rowant yesterday

Lincolnshire v Gloucestershire

Fell runs come before the trip

David Hopps at Sleaford

most notable achievement on this ground came back in 1851 when 22 of Sleaford beat an England XI by two runs. Twenty-two of Lincoinshire might just have achieved similar celebrity but, limited to 11, the age only respectability as they succumbed to Glouces-

London Road is one of the Rawden in his third. Fell's late wickets (and a run-out, oldest grounds in the forceful 31 briefly exhilation as he reacted with alacrity Warmly applauded on to on the grass banks.

22-year-old David Angove, who went on to rap Ostler country. Barges might no rated the crowd and will do to dismiss Lewis off his own the field, he unveiled his Could there be a better painfully on the knuckles longer chug up the Slea, no harm to the sales figures and the silver-domed corn mill, shimmering on the skyline, is now disused, but for 135.

some locals still speak darkly of the ridge avail-able for bowlers operating

up an undulating hili.
Courtney Walsh pre-ferred to be slope-assisted and, when he caused Gouldstone to play on in his fourth over, Lincolnshire were 18 for four and the groundsman was wishing he had not left a little bit

They had fleetingly con-templated an upset as Nell Gill, an electrical contractor summoned from Wind-hill in the Bradford League, swung bis left-armers enough to dismiss both Gloucestershire's openers

in his first two overs. Between overs he trotted down to long leg, signed enough autographs to fill more grass on than usual. several wastepaper baskets
Smith had done most at Carres Grammar School, damage, Evans falling in then trotted back up the his second over, Gillett and slope to bowl again. Two bowling) left him four for 44, Lincolnshire's best return in this competition.

is one of the most fretful in the professional calendar, a player's nightmare of unpredictable pitches, unknown bowlers and drunks in the gents' toilet. Sy-monds was oblivious (final proof, perhaps, that he is Australian), and collected 87 from 83 balls before he was stumped. Russell, England's Lord's

saviour, must have ob-served a Gloucestershire score of 130 for five and crisis portfolio of anxious 14, Lincolnshire's best hops and furtive nudges as return in this competition.

NatWest first-round day Gloucestershire to safety.

Cornwall v Warwickshire

Cornish cream far from clotted

David Foot at St Austell

HAT Warwicksbire, who are the champions after all, eventually mocks the sprightly early-morning surprises from the home bowlers. But when it was Cornwall's turn to bat only their sterling openers Gary Thomas and Steve Williams offered any sem-blance of hope against a de-pleted attack to cheer their

argument for the spirit of NatWest cricket at this pre-liminary stage? The lovely, first four wickets for 76 by of imminent wreckage most expension.

Quaintly named Wheal Eliza the 19th over, hardly a reas about him. He accumulates competition.

ground, carved costly out of suring response to recent | at a notable pace, largely the wooded hillside, with championship defeats | because of the way he hollyhocks in the hedgerows behind the bowlers arms, provided a relaxed. noisy day out.

Cornwall may be the most hospitable of counties but there was a decidedly icy welcome to their illustrious visitors. Andy Moles sparred to gully in the first over and Paul Smith was gone soon afterwards as he carelessly pulled. The

before bowling him.

against Yorkshire and Kent. Angove, a name as au-thentically native as Cornish clay itself, finished with four for 65 and the match award. There was a no-nonsense approach to his fast bowling, applauded

at least in spirit by War-wickshire, who had moni-tored him at Edgbaston and may still come for him. But Warwickshire gradu-

places his shots, even if often leaving his partners out of breath by his indecent athleticism between the wickets. There were eight fours and two sixes from him.

middle-order ballast, and Burns swung for runs at the end. All that time Cornenthusiasm. Kent did tre-mendously well to concede on their West Country holi- only 23 runs at medium days. Indeed they got to 311 pace. though the police-for nine, no small thanks to man, Glovell, earned alto-Trevor Penney's 90. He is gether less respect; his fig-often at his best with signs ures of two for 107 were the of imminent wreckage most expensive so far in the

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Scoreboard

NatWest Trophy First round

G Hignett b Taylor S Branshaw c Ambrose b Emburey
S J Renshaw c Ambrose b Emburey
E S Garnett not out
A D Gressley c Balley b Emburey
N D Peet the b Emburey
Exhas (b). well

Total (80.3 overs) 138
Faits Q, 1, 27, 52, 55, 127, 128, 125, 125, 125
Boostings Ambrose 10-4-18-2; Taylor 11-1-40-2; Capst e-0-18-1, Penterthy 7-3-17-1; Curran 4-1-14-0; Emburey 8-3-3-14-3, Bettley 4-1-13-0. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Polit of wickets 85.
Did not beat M B Loye, K M Curren, 7fl J
Warren, 7 C Watton, A L Penberthy, J E
Emburey, C E L Ambrose, J P Taylor.
Bowlings Peel 7-1-37-1; Renshaw
\$-0-25-0; Garnett 3-0-25-0; Greasley
7-0-19-0; Bostoch 2-0-19-0; Mignett rece R Julian and P Adams.

STAFFORDSHIFE * DETERTSHIFE
Stones Derbyshire won by eight wickets.
STAFFORDSHIFE
S J Deen run out 20
F F Snaw c Krikken b DeFreites 22
J A Watertouse liev b Dean 30
L Poiser liev b DeFreites 3
K N Patel tow b DeFreites 3
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TM I Humphres c Kritken b Dean 4
TM I Humphres c Kritken b Dean 5
F Fildgway not out 47
D J Brock b Jones 19
A Filchardson c & b Jones 9
Extras (657, w18) 25

Owan, U & Malcolm.

Bowling: Brock 6-1-33-1; Richardson 7-0-42-0; Ridgway 8-1-41-1; Polter 3-0-22-0; Dutten 1.5-0-27-0; Felmam | 1-0-7-0. res: B Dudleston and K J Lyons.

YORKSHIRE V NOTTINGHAMERE Headlegiety Yorkshire wan by 205 rum. YORKSHIRE YORK SHIFE
M D Moxon c Pick b Tolley
M P Vaughan c Metcalfa b Evans
D byas c Robinson b Pick
M G Sevan b Cakra
A McGrath c Sowen b Evans
White not cut

Total for 5, 80 overs) 348
Fell of wickets: 145, 220, 288, 308, 345, 334
Did not bate D Gough, P J Harriey, C E W Silverwood, P D Sterrey, Bowlings Evans 12-1-57-2; Cairns 12-1-76-1, Bowen 8-0-42-0; Bates 11-0-58-0, Pick 10-0-42-1; Tolley 9-0-55-1.

The state of the s

Chelensfords Easts won by 118 runs.

Street

G A Gooth e Pugh b Horrell

D J Robinson e Townsed b Rhodes

N Hossain e Rossick b Donohus

105

G Law e Pugh b Donohus

107

P Prichard not out

117

Pollurs not out

55

Edras (b1, b11, w16, rb10)

36

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H J Morgan run out
TC M W Read run out
TC M W Read run out
T J Townsend run out
T J Townsend run out
T M Robbuck b Cowan
A J Pugh low b Such
K Donohus b Luw on b Law Horrell not out ...

152, 193.

Bouding: Not 8-1-19-0; Cowan 8-1-44-1; fraid 7-0-17-0; Grayson 7-0-19-0; Such 12-0-48-2; Linv 8-3-0-38-2.

Despired A A Jones and M K Reed.

A September of Colombia

A Smith c & b Goldamith

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Y P Terry c Goldamith b Boon

S O Udel b Goldsmith

P R Whiteler not out

Entrae (lb6, w15, nb4)

222. Dild soft belt †A N Ayries, K D James, M J Thursfield, C A Connor. Beastless Navirus 10-1-36-0: Singgers 10-1-58-0; Goldsmith 12-2-64-4; M W Thomas 6-0-69-0; Power 8-0-43-0; D P Thomas 3-0-15-0; Boon 11-0-63-1;

THOMES 3-0-15-0; Boon 11-0-63-1;
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Total (64.4 brens). 223
Real of wideless: 2. 16, 70, 78, 116, 215, 216, 217, 219.
Seathers Stephenson 7-0-27-1. Thursheld 10-2-34-1. Connor 11.4-2-39-3. James 12-1-46-3. Uddi 9-1-35-1. Whiteless 6-1-34-0. Uddifferent P Willey and J M Harris.

Total flor 5, 60 overs) 275
Full of wickbaker 13, 25, 27, 131, 179.
Did not bat: "15 A Marsh, N W Preston, M W Passi, D W Headley.
Bowlings Masters 12-4-52-2, Ahhtar 10-3-35-1; R Bits 10-0-61-0; Excissions 6-1-30-0; Donetten 12-0-58-1; N Mohammed 10-0-44-1

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'N T Gadety c Llong b Eathern
'S Mohammed c Mursh b Headley 0
G W Esclestone c Palet b Llong 98
S A Kellett c Marsh b Headley 3
N J Adams c Flemming b Eathern
S Mohammed c & b Palet
S T P Donelain c Eathern 5
S T P Donelain c Eathern 5
S T W Headley 3
A Alshiar at Marsh b Ward 2
F A lift c Presion b Marsh 6
K D Meaters not out 3
Excres (fibt, with, mb4) 24

INSLAND v SUPSEX Ballant Susay are 123 for seven after 55 overs. Today: 10.30 SUPSEX:

DAIFMAN v SCOTLAND Chester-14-Street Durham won by 98

Chrester nurs.
Difference | 12 |
S L Campbel b Revier | 12 |
S L Morris c Tennant b Thomson | 109 |
J A Blankfron c Daving b Covern | 25 |
P Beinbridge b Williamson | 21 |
S b Blain | 26 |
S b Blain | 3

B-0-23-LC Smill 1-0-4-0,
SCOTLAND
B M W Patietzon c Campbell b Bette.
I L Philip c Ligerteand b Brown
M J Smillt c Killean b Beinbridge
M J Smillt c Killean b Beinbridge
TG Saknoad c Bolling b Bets.
J G Williamson b Bette
'A G Davies c Brown b Killean
D Cowan not but
Einten (b2, ib5, w8 ap5)

SOMERSET v SUFFOLK
Taxantona Somerset won by 62 runs. S Lee run out

A N Hayhursi c 8 b Miller

K A Parsons b Graham

R J Turner c Randati b Graham

R D Rose not out

A R Caddack not out

Extras (b2, lb3, w9, nb2)

OXPORESHIFE Y LANCASHIFE
Aston Rowart Lancashire won
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LANCASHIRE LARCASHINE

If A Attertion c Arnold b Evans

If Washinson c Knightley b Ellison

If J Speak b Joyner

S D Lloyd c Joyner b Ellison

If A Lloyd c Joyner b Ellison

If A Arnold

I D Austin not out

Extras (bs. w 10)

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Bewiling: Arnold 11-1-57-1: Joyner 10-0-48-1: Laudat 10-0-44-0. Curin: 3-0-23-0. Jones 4-0-34-0. Evans 10-1-46-1: Ellison 12-0-53-3.

OXFORDSHIRE
1/J N Barly b Austin
X R blustor b Austin
S V Laudat b Yatee
S J Yilliams c Hang b Eleverhy
B C A Ellegon c Farbother
b Farbrother
C S Knightey not out
S G Joyner c Hegg b Lloyd
A Jones not out

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CLAMORDAN Y WORCESTERGHINE

GLAMORGAM
S P James run ou!
H Barts e Rhodes b tilingwarth
A pate e Moody b Hick
M P Maynard & Hick b Limpell
P A Colley run ou!
B O B World of the b Limpell
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C P Michael of the b Limpell
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CORNWALL v WARWICKSHIRE
SR Austellt Warwickshiro won by 133 runs.
WARWICKSHIRE
'A J Moles c Williams b Angove ... 4
1 M K Smith b Walcock ... 30
P A Smith c Lovell b Angove ... 20
T L Permey c Willock b Lovell ... 90
D R Brown c L ville b Knowl ... 90
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B-1-24-1: P A Smith 5-0-30-2.

SURREY v NOLLAND
The Oracle Secrey won by 158 rune.

SURREY
D J Bicknett c was Noortwijk
b Zuffigar
M A Buchor c Cantrell b Zuffigar
TA J Stewart fibre b Cantrell
A D Brown b Bakker
A J Hollicake c Zuffigar b Cantrell
U M Ward b Boerstra
B P Julian b van Dijk
1 Ward c van Noortwijk b van Dijk
A C S Pigoft mot out

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Revised second round draw

Susses, Old Trafford: Lancashire v Best man of the match

Best man of the match

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Starting today

Wells leads rush of runs with 201

THE minnows were well out of their depth against the first-class counties on a day of heavy scoring and tumbling records.

Vince Wells's second double century in six days for Leicestershire, in the 106-run win against Berkshire, was the county's best individual score in the competition and the second-highest in one-day cricket in England It took the opener only 165 balls to make 201, which in-

cluded 26 fours and five sixes. His score contributed almost half of Leicestershire's total of 406 for five, which was seven short of the record. For the visitors, Harry Hall became the first Berkshire player to score a Natwest century, and that on his debut in the competition.

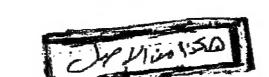
At Southampton Jason Laney and John Stephenson put Hampshire on course for a 99-run win over Norfolk with a competition-record first-wicket stand of 289, beating the previous best of 255 set by Durham.

Both hit centuries, but the 23-year-old Laney had the sat-isfaction of emulating Roy Marshall and Barry Richards as Hampshire's only batsmen in the competition's history to reach three figures before lunch. He was also the county's first player to score 100 on his 60-over debut

There were the makings of an upset at March when Kent slumped to 27 for three against Cambridgeshire, but Nigel Llong nipped the trouble in the bud with 115 not

Llong featured in a century stand with Mark Ealham as Kent reached 275 for five, a target the visiting bowlers quickly put beyond the home side by reducing them to 46 for five by tea. Cambridgeshire were eventually all out for 181.

 ◆ A record eighth-wicket stand of 114 by Kathryn Leng and Melissa Reynard on the second day of the first Test against New Zealand at Scarboronoh helped England to borough helped England to their second-highest total in a women's Test match, England reached 414, with Leng making a maiden Test century. and New Zealand were 139 for one in reply by the close.



Vogts milks the Klinsmann calf

T. Washington

Martin Thorpe finds Germany's manager making the most of his top striker's injury

There was a birty was intended to the could not predict. Yes, Vogts had watched the 1966 game on television and he hoped the infamous inclinations and the could not be repeated.

HERE was a hint yesterday that the Germans were trying to play a warm-up game against England ahead of tonight's main event. It involved a sick German caff, though it had nothing to do with mad cow disease.

The calf's owner was Jurgen Klinsmann, renewing acquaintance with the capital

The calf's owner was Jürgen Klinsmann, renewing acquaintance with the capital after his season-long stay at Tottenham but again missing out on a Wembley appearance, this time because of a Tottenham but again missing out on a Wembley appearance, this time because of a leg injury. Or not, as Berti Vogts tried to suggest at a press conference yesterday.

When Vogts said that Klinsmann would "in all likelihood" be out it prompted the inquiry: Is there a possibility inquiry: Is there a possibility he could play, then? "Yes," replied Vogts, amazingly. "With the doctors and physios we have, anything is

physics we have, anything is possible. Jürgen is well known for healing quickly."

The English journalists began to buzz. Perhaps Klinsmann's injury was a ruse after all. Come to think of it why had the Comment decided. why had the Germans decided at the last minute to exclude the press from their Wembley

training later that day?
But the striker was not playing Vogts's game, or against England, "While our doctors are very good I per-sonally made it public yester-day that I don't really feel I'll be playing tomorrow," he said. "Such an injury usually life," said the team spokes takes 10 days to completely man Wolfgang Niersbach. "The truth is we were yearn-

ables says he will only believe Klinsmann is out of the team when he is not out on the

England to iron out any

problems. They have

worked alongside English supporters for four weeks

now and the only time any-

one has said no to them was

when Uefa refused to let

them unfurl a giant banner

saying Thank-you-Man-chester after their last

"It surprised us how warm English people have been," said Thomas Schneider, one of the team

of German fan ambassa

dors speaking in the Foot-

ball Supporters' Associa-tion embassy in Piccadilly

Circus. "The cliche of the

and cool, of not liking to

game at Old Trafford.

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with 20

John Duncan finds visiting supporters

of Euro 96 has been true for us. That has set a incredibly positive, ac tone which has made the cording to the Fan Projekt German fans very celebra-

workers who have come to tory, not really aggressive

German experience į mix, but it just hasn't been

pleasantly surprised by their welcome

play tomorrow night, but I told him that would not be the

lack of friction between what are portrayed as mutually hostile teams. Vogts revealed that he has "a close, cordial relationship with Terry Venables. I have given him all our information and files on Georgia and Moldova, whom we have played, to help them [England] as they approach the next World Cup. I am pretty much looking forward to seeing Terry on the pitch." Elsewhere the Germans have got fed up with wide open spaces. Having overdosed on the countryside around their Manchester hideaway, they are now en-

hideaway, they are now encamped in a swanky hotel in central London, cheapest room £205 a night.
"You may ask why have we

changed the tranquillity of Mottram Hall, with its cows takes 10 days to completely heal. If you want to clutch at straws there is a chance of me being fit for the final, but not being able to play in the semi-final is very side the hotel and raided the local stores for CDs."

Germans positively happy

But might that not all change tonight? "Yes, everyone is a hit nervous,"

said Schneider, "and What

the papers said on Monday was so dangerous in that respect. But the media in

Germany have been getting the mood wrong too, you

know. For the first couple

of games we had a camera crew from Focus TV in Ger-

many trying to get fans to sing hooligan songs and be-

have badly, but happily no

"They did a nonsense story about English and German hooligan leaders

organise violence, and say- fight."

one was interested.

dent would not be repeated.

No, Wembley would not be intimidating for his players; they had played in other great stadiums. No, the game would not be too emotional for them; Germany are quite used to reaching the semi-finals of

major tournaments.
And what about the tabloids? The fact that it is the
British media and population that have come out in protest against that sort of reporting speaks for itself and I am very grateful for that," said Klinsmann, before warning: "The team can easily shrug it off and smile about it but I am afraid there is a knock-on effect on to the 7,000 German fans at Wembley so I hope the atmosphere will remain calm and neaceful." and peaceful."

He was not contradicting

himself when he predicted "a very offence-orientated of the translation. And Vogts took up the peace line: "I am sure that the country that created the world's fair play and the spectators will abide by that rule and they will welcome the German team with friendly applause," he said. He was giving little away about what that team might be. Yes, he might play one up tonight, though he might also play Bierhoff and Kuntz

As for Sammer, "I leave it completely up to his own in-tuition what he will do at any one time on the pitch."

And will the result tonight be equally unpredictable?
"The fact that it is England and they are the hosts means

are investigating the pro-

gramme makers. The thing about the Ger-

man hooligans is that they

trouble just because they

our chances of moving for-ward are greatly reduced," said Vogts. "And because we of the questions at yesterday's have four press conference. Yes, Vogts England w replied, he did think Gazza ites." Oh co would cry, though whether more games have four players missing, England will start favour-ites." Oh come on, Berti. Not

Downhill all the way . . . Gerd Müller scores West Germany's winner in Leon in 1970, after England led 2–0 with 20 minutes to go.

David Lacey charts the history of England v Germany encounters since the World Cup triumph in 1966

Thirty years of hurt

Wembley, July 30 (World Cup final) ingland 4, West Germany 2

England's most famous vic-tory but only after a scrappy 90 minutes had been redeemed by the dramas of extra time. Fussy Swiss refereing did nothing to give the match an even flow. Hurst's het-trick made history but Ball was England's hero in the left helds our warranted. the last half-hour, pursuing and scolding all the way. scorens: England: Hurst 3, Peters. West Corpusys Haller, Weber.

ing that there was a prize being offered by English hooligans for every dead 1968 German. It was just rub-bish and I think the police

Hanover, June 1 (Friendly) West Germany 1, England 0 Significant now only as the first time England lost to a Alf Ramsey's 1966 side Banks, Moore, Ball and Hurst — played in this game. By now Vogts was established in the West German defence and

Chariton — and names scoreits Englands Mallery

Wembley, April 29 (European Championship

ngland 1, West Germany

The beginning of the end for

Ramsey's England manage-ment. Netzer ruled Wembley

that night, Beckenbauer and

Müller were as daunting as ever, Breitner and Hoeness

were exciting newcomers. Ball, Hurst and Peters had

been joined by Bell, Lee and Chivers but England could

not get going. Moore made

marter-final, first leg)

1972

are here. They have two sides to them and we prayed before the tourns ment that the fun-side Beckenbauer was fulfilling would come out and it has. "I think part of the his immense potential. The best, however, was to come. reason, too, is that the Ger-1970 Leon, June 14 (World Cup quarter-final) England 2, West Germany 8 This like the earlier 1-0 de

mans who were part of youth scenes, like skinads, have friends over here and are meeting up with them for a few beers. They know, because they have been here before, that feat by Brazil, saw England play some of the best football in their history only to lose their crown. At 2-0 with 20 they will be welcome but if they come looking for trou-ble they will get more than minutes to go they seemed safe. Then came Bonetti's German hooligan leaders they bargained for. They meeting in Bangkok to just aren't interested in a error, Beckenbauer's goal,

NTIL Franz Beckenbauer scored the | Wembley for a European Championship only goal in a friendly in Hanover in 1968 England could comfort them-selves with the thought that, though they might be taught lessons in humility by the Americans and technique by the Hungar-ians, they would always be able to beat the Germans. They were not to know it at the time but winning the World Cup in 1966 was to be the watershed of England's supe-

riority over a variety of Germanys. riority over a variety of Germanys.
That victory completed a rum of seven successive wins going back to 1935 and including the infamous preamble to England's 6-3 defeat of Germany in Berlin in 1936 which saw Stanley Matthews and his team-mates giving the Nazi salute.
For the Germans, Hanover broke the spell, but the real parting of the ways followed England's fallure, despite wearing their "lucky" red shirts, to hold a 2-0 lead in Leon in the World Cup quarter-finals.

in Leon in the World Cup quarter-finals. Outwitted tactically by Helmut Schoen — Charlton off, Grabowski on — Alf Ramdon't necessarily cause German team. Only four of sey's team stagnated thereafter.

quarter-final in 1972 they were following the Dutch into total football. After Gunther Netzer had finished with England that night the feeling at Wembley was closer to total disillusionment.

Since 1966 England have beaten Germany only twice in 13 games. Their best victory was achieved by the maligned Don Revie's team in 1975. England's last win, 3-0 in Mexico City in a mini-tournament 10 years later, had to be set against Ger-man lack of interest in the occasion.

The Germans have won all four matches since, including the shoot-out in the 1990 World Cup semi-finals. Only in this match did England look capable of victory. Bobby Robson's side was overwhelmed in Düssel-dorf, Graham Taylor's team out of their depth at Wembley and in Detroit.

If these 13 matches have a common theme it is Germany's ability to pace them-selves better than England. Terry Venables's players cannot afford to ignore what happened in 1970, especially if they find West Germany came to themselves two up with 20 minutes to go.

gerous crosses, but Stielike, the German sweeper, had de-nied England more than the

odd glimpse of goal. Rummen-igge hit the bar in the closing

(Friendly) England 1, West Germany 2

Only a friendly but this time Rummenigge did not miss as Bobby Robson suffered his

first defeat in only his second match. The Germans lost

their sweeper Forster, Mab-

butt hit a post but the intro-

heir attack and Rummenigge

struck twice before Woodcock

Mexico City, June 12

1985

Vembley, October 13

Germans in a B match the | stopped Kaltz getting in dan-

1987 Düsseldorf, September 9

(Friendly) West Germany 3, England I Back to reality. England were no match for Beckenbauer's rebuilt team, who outplayed Robson's side in the opening 35 minutes. Again Littbarski was a problem and the young Adams struggled against Völler. At 2-0 Lineker restored England's dignity,

1990

Turin, July 4 (World Cup semi-finals) England 1, West Germany 1 (Germany won 4-3 on pens) Losing on penalties with the final so close has left England with wretched n Turin, compounded by the free-kick from Brehme that spun in off Parker before Lin-eker's late goal took the game to extra time. Waddle and Buchwald each hit a post Then came penalties and, for

1991 Wembley, September 11

Pearce, purgatory. SCORERS: England: Lineker. West

(Friendly) England 0, Germany 1 Graham Taylor's first defeat in his 13th match as England manager. He was not happy, complaining bitterly about the poor marking that allowed Riedle a free header after Matthäus had set up Doll for the cross. Taylor dement of madness". More were

1993 Detroit June 19 (US Cup) England 1, Germany 2 Given the debacle in Norway, followed by humiliation against the United States in Boston, it was almost a relief to get back to normal, if performing inside a giant pres-sure-cooker could be so described. Taylor dispensed

Italy pair to go but Croatia coach must stay

HE president of the Italian soccer federation, Antonio Matarrese, and the coach Arrigo Sacchi face the sack after Italy's elimination from the European Championship. But Croatia's coach Miroslav Blazevic, who resigned after his team's quarter final defeat by Germany, has been told he

must honour his contract. Matarrese, who recently ex-tended Sacchi's contract, had based his re-election campaign on Italy's success under the coach, and the side's early

them both. The league presi-dent Luciano Nizzola is tipped to succeed Matarrese, and Sacchi may be replaced by Cesare Maldindi, coach of

Italy Under-21. Meanwhile the Croatian federation's deputy director Vlatko Markovic said of Blazevic: "Resignation is out of the question. He has signed a contract that is law and must be respected." Before leaving

exit led to bitter criticism of | isis who badgered him: "You will have a new coach to

> Manchester United will today sign the Dutch goalkeeper Raymond van der Gouw from Vitesse Arnhem on a free transfer.

 If England qualify for Sunday's European Championship final, tickets will go on sale from 8am tomorrow They will be available only over the telephone ticket hot-line 0181 982 6677. No tickets London, however, Blazevic line 0181 982 6677. No tinsisted to Croatian journal will be sold at Weinbley.

1972 Berlin, May 13 (European Championship quarter-final, second leg) West Germany 0, England 0 The return match found Ram-

SCORERSe England: Lee, West Germany: Honers, Netzer ben, Millier,

sey at his most perverse. Needing to score at least twice to stand a chance of staying in the tournament, he packed his midfield with muscle. Storey and Hunter were brought in as part of a dam-age-limitation exercise. The out a goalless clinch.

Ramsey's withdrawal of 1975 Wembley, March 12

(Friendly) England 2, West Germany 0 Alan Hudson's match, Don Revie's defence was a hybrid — Watson and Beattie in the middle, Whitworth and Gillard at full-back — but the attack of Macdonald, Channon, Hudson and Keegan gelled. Ball was captain. Later he and Hudson missed a curfew; neither played for England again.

Munich, February 22 (Friendly) West Germany 2, England 1 after Wilkins, Brooking and Keegan had dominated the first half but Worm equalised and Bonho's late free-kick gained the Germans a slightly lucky win. SCORERS: West Germany: Worm Bonhol. England: Pearson.

previous night, played again and scored again. England led

1982

Madrid June 28 (World Cup q-final phase) England 0, West Germany 0 The least memorable of Eng-land's four World Cup encounters with West Germany Afterwards Ron Greenwood pointed out that his feath had

An unusual game in that Worm, having scored for the with the World Cup in 1986

(Pre-World Cup t'ment) England 3, West Germany The scoreline hides the real

ity. Franz Beckenbauer had taken over the German squad and did not want to go to Mexico. But the contract had been signed, so England faced reluctant, jet-lagged oppo nents in the Azteca's thin air. Still, Shilton saved a penalty and Dixon took his goals with

with full-backs, which suited the Germans. Platt's goal was neat but irrelevant.

Rugby League

England have edge to oust Wales in European decider

Paul Fitzpatrick

NGLAND's record victory over France at Gatesbead two weeks ago did not do a lot for the game's international credibility, but the European Championship decider against the title holders Wales in Cardiff tonight should be a much more com-

petitive affair. It was not one of the brightest pieces of fixture-planning to hold this game on the same night as the European soccer semi-final at Wembley, but the fact that the Cronulia Sharks and Wales centre Allan Bateman was prepared to make a round-trip of 24,000 miles to play in it shows what

it means to some people. Despite the number of players lost by Welsh rugby league since the World Cup, their side contains two daz-zling youngsters in the stand-off lestyn Harris and the hooker Kieron Cunningham. Wales will give a finness test to Anthony Sullivan

today but if he falls it Diccon Edwards will replace him. England have lost Newlove, Offiah and Harrison from the side that beat France, but they should still be good enough to improve on the narrow defeat they suffered against Wales in Cardiff last year. The experience and expertise of Daryl Powell and Shaun Edwards at half-back,

and Andy Farrell, England's youngest captain, in the pack should give them an advantage. WALES (probable): P Atcheson (Clicham Bears): A Suffives (St Helena), A Bateman (Cronulia), G Davies (Warrington), J Critainley (Keighley Cougans): Harris (Warrington), K Caussingham (St Helens), M Coursingham (St Helens), M Course (Higan), P Meriarty (South Wales, capt), M Perrett (Halling Blue Son), C Moriny (St Helens): J

Gary Connolly in the centre and the class of Chris Joynt

DIGLARD: S Proposts (St Helens);

Athletics

Flying Fredericks

RANKIE PREDERICES. Linford Christie's training partner, last night served notice that he is the favourite to inherit the Briton's Olympic 100 metres title when he produced one of the greatest sprint performances of all

the all-round excellence of The 28-year-old from Namibia made the world champion Donovan Bailey look ordinary in a Grand Prix meeting in Helsinki and a powerful last 40 metres brought him home in 9.87sec, only 0.02 outside Leroy Burrell's World

record. In a performance made all the more stanning because it was so unexpected. Predericks beat Bailey by four metres on a night so cold that the crowd wore anoraks and gloves. The run elevated him to equal third on the all-time list with Christie.

ver medals at the Barce

lona Olympics in the 100m and 200m, improved his personal best by 0.08. For the first time this summer Jonathan Edwards's triple jump was composed of four elements rather than the traditional three: hop, step, jump, amile. He looked back satisfled at his mark in the sand after his second-round leap of 17.82m, the best in the world this year and pre-sumably sufficient proof of his fitness for a place in

The world champion and world record holder missed this month's trials with a bruised heel and strained knee and was given until next Sunday to show he is fit for Atlanta. After a three-week break the honnee and vitality seemed to have returned last night. Kelly Holmes, another British hope for a gold medal in Atlanta, won the

800m in 1.58.53.

Britain's Olympic team.

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MATIONAL LEAGUE Montreal 11, Pitt-burgh 3; Piorida 2, San Francisco 1; Cin-cinnali 7, Philadelphia 6; Atlanta 2, St Louis 9; New York 2, Colorado 1, Amilifican LEAGUE: Chicago 4, Califor-nia 2 (1st game); Chicago 4, California 6 (2nd); Mionecola 3, New York 6; Texas 3, Baltimore 9; Caldand 4, Defroit 2

Fixtures

Soccer EUROPEAN CHAMPIONEPIP: Semi-fin-aim France v Czech Republic (4.0. Old Trational: England v Germany (Vembley). Rugby League

The Oceania Cop, the entirement southern hemisphere borreigners in the street between place from top 377 has been posponed on legis advice. Manipulation of the free Lindsey, the Rupby Football Lasque's chief executive, said the event had been put back probably until after the appeal court rules on the dispute between Rupert Murdoch and the Australian Rupby Lesons.

by taking part in the Open at Lytham s Annes on July 18. Micklaus, 56, had sald he would no vances are remainded to offer.

Nicklaus, who won The Open in 1986

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Nicklaus, who won The Open in 1986 and 1978. Will be joined by 11 other former champions including his tellow Americans Mark Calcavecchia (1980), the tive-times widner Tom Watson and the detending champion John Delty.

Severiano Ballestarce, who won at Lytham in 1979 and 1989, will be trying to become the first player to win The Open three times in a row at the same venue slace Scotland's Tom Morris Jin at Prestwick in 1870.

Spain's Sergio Garcia, at 18, will Decome the youngest participant since Northern Ireland's Roman Raffecty in 1980.

The former Olympic tuger Arnold Huber has falled a random dope test for the banned starold nandrolone, the for the binned server manurators, the failin olympic committee said yesterday. The Italian, one of four Huber brothers who competed in the 1944 Lichammer Olympics, had failed the test at a training retreat in Formia, flats, on.

Sport in brief Hockey

Mandy Nicholls of Slough scored a brilliant solo goal to give Great Britain a 1-1 draw with Spain, the Olympic champions, in the first of two internationals on successive day unites Pat Rowley. Lucia Lopez chipped the ball high into the net after intercepting a hit out to give Spain the isad after 25 minutes but three intinutes later Nicholls weaven her way through the home defence to score.

Britains Henry Akinwands has been given a new opponent in his challenge for the vacant WBO heavyweight title in Hollo, California on Saturday, whe 29-year-old London-bone fighter will face the Californian Jeremy Williams after his original oppoliams after his original oppo-nent, Alex Zolken, suffered a badly cut left eye in training.

Olympic Games

France's Stephane Diagana, the world 460 metres hurdles bronze the delibit, has with-drawn from the team for At-lants with the foot injury and Kenya's world 800m world 800m | fifth yesterday.

champion Billy Konchellah has also ruled himself out. "I'm in no shape," he said. Ice Hockey

Telford Tigers have appointed Lee Odelein as coach, writes Vic Batchelder. Odelein, aged 29, is one of three brothers. the eldest of whom, Lyle, won a Stanley Cup medal with the Montreal Canadiens in 1993, a

year after Lee was forced to

retire after being injured while playing for Bracknell. Sailing Lawrie Smith confirmed yes terday in Southampton that skipper Team EF's malecrewed boat in the Whithread Race that starts next year. writes Bob Fisher. Johan Salen, EF's team manager, said Smith had always been first

choice "but for a variety of

reasons it has taken some

time to reach a final In the fourth race of the Hackett Etchells World Championship at Cowes, Australia's Noel Drennan beat Britain's Adam Gosling to the finish by two seconds but Gosling's second place leaves him only four points behind the series leader, Jud Smith of the United States, who was

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EURO 96: THE SEMI-FINALS



Standard bearer . . . Venables at training yesterday, 'a couple of glories from fame at home and fortune abroad' FRANK BARON

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England v Germany at Wembley

Venables goes for the quick kill

David Lacey weighs the balance of the teams' tactics and says Venables' finest hour hinges on scoring in the first 60 minutes

chance of reaching their second final in a major tournament. Precedent may favour Germany in tonight's European Championship semi-final but the passions of the Wembley crowd will be driving on Terry Venables players with an even greater

semi-finals by hahit. Since losing to England in 1966 they have competed in 15 World Cups and European Champiouships and failed to reach this stage in only four of hand, have made it thus far on only four occasions, in-

The chances of England ap-pearing in Sunday's final, against France although the Czechs are surely capable of springing another surprise at Old Trafford this afternoon, seem simple enough. They can win the match in the first hour but the longer the stalemate the greater the likelihood of a German victory.

Yet the prospect of the game being decided by a goal in sudden-death overtime still ooks remote. By introducing an additional way to win, Uefa has also burdened teams with another way to lose. Caution has set in earlier.

Another shoot-out, how-ever, is a distinct possibility, and since the Germans lost the 1976 European Championship final to Czechoslovakia point of winning these coco-nut shies. More than that, three World Cup shoot-outs with France (1982), Mexico (1986) and England (1990).

So it is clearly in England's interest to get the matter settled before Seaman is asked to perform further heroics and Pearce has to resume his duel with German goalkeepers. Venables will choose his team with a quick kill in mind but will be equally aware of the need to preserve wind and limb for a game of stirition.

He will not know until this morning just who is avail-able. Adams and Sheringham ankle is still causing concern and Anderton's strained ham-

F THERE really is such a string did not allow him to missed the Spain game, is due thing as the triumph of practise yesterday. Red to return to the midfield, this the will, then England knapp, recovering from dam would mean Platt returning knapp, recovering from damaged ankle ligaments, could be an option but will not be risked unnecessarily.

With Gascoigne, Venables has to consider the intense

pace at which tonight's match will probably be played. "He's improving and moved quite well this morning but he's got to do more than that," the

is that England do not wear themselves out too soon through chasing the game. which is what happened against Switzerland. He expects Berti Vogts to employ the usual five-man defence

with Sammer making sudden forward runs and Ziege a con-sistent threat on the left. All the signs yesterday were that, with Gary Neville suspended, his 19-year-old brother Philip would be used to counter Ziege's pace through his own brand of athleticism. Since Ince, who

to the bench.

A triumph of the Phil would be crucial in determining the pattern of tonight's match Having lost both Bobic and Klinsmann to injuries - al though Venables is still working on the assumption that the latter will appear at some time during the match Vogts will either use both Bierhoff and Kuntz up front or push Möller forward to

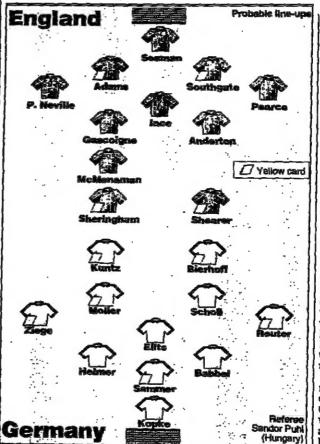
support one of them. "I wouldn't be surprised if Germany played with just one up," Venables said, "but they don't normally change. Either way we've got to keep the ball. We've also got to try to be direct but their defenders are very hard to shift."

With Shearer likely to struggle for openings against Sammer, Babbel and Helmer. and even a fit Sheringham and Gascoigne lacking the pace of the German defendon McManaman being able to take the ball past opponents to create space. The ability of Ince to infiltrate the German cover is likely to be equally crucial.

Ince offered the thought that, whatever happens now. we've put England back on the map as far as interna tional football is concerned Not quite. By reaching the semi-finals as host nation Venables's team have merely confirmed their place on the map of England, no more.

However, reaching the final by overcoming Holland. Spain and Germany would be something else. great desire in the squad." said Venables. "If it's a matter of wanting success, we're on track. But we've got one

Venables's career as Eng land coach could end tonight. days in office before handing over the squad to Glenn Hoddle. At worst he will be remembered for a callant effort. But the old Spur could be just a couple of glories and a hallelujah away from fame at home and another fortune ers, much is going to depend | abroad. With a little juck, of



Punter stakes all on Germany

AT LEAST one English-man will be cheering on Germany tonight after placing a remarkable £122 accumulator bet on nine sporting selections. writes Neil Robinson. If Berti Vogts's side go on to win the tournament at Wembley on Sunday be will pick

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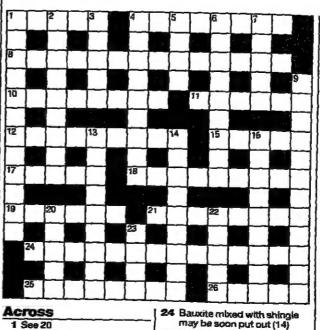
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